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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 25, 1956. This report, dated May 22, 1956, concerns Regional meeting of the Northern California Valley outlying counties Communist Party leaders held at San Francisco, California, on May 20, 1956. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

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"Report on the Communist Party  
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"On Sunday, May 20, 1956, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 7:45 AM and he and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON left in the THOMPSON car for San Francisco at 8:15 AM. They arrived in San Francisco at about 10:00 AM and went to Foster's restaurant at Mission and First Sts.. Since they were not to meet the other delegates until about 11:00 AM, KEYLOR and the THOMPSONS separated. The THOMPSONS went for a short walk and when they returned to the restaurant they found that HOWARD KEYLOR, RUDY LAMBERT, PHIL DAVIS and the alternate delegate from Stanislaus County were already there, RUDY LAMBERT asked HOWARD KEYLOR and the alternate delegate from Stanislaus County to stay at the restaurant and wait for the Sacramento delegation and then for all of them to come to the California Labor School where the meeting was to be held. PHIL DAVIS and RUDY LAMBERT went to the Labor School in LAMBERT'S car and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON went in their car. The others arrived about 11:30 AM and RUDY LAMBERT called the meeting to order. Those persons present were:

"LILLIAN RANSOME, Wheatland  
BARNEY DEVETO ?, Marysville  
MARIE GORIN, Sacramento  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON, Stockton  
HOWARD KEYLOR, Stockton  
PHIL DAVIS, Modesto  
Alternate, Merced (5'9", 150 lbs, approximately  
60 yrs, gray hair, almost  
white, brown eyes, ruddy complexion)

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"RUDY LAMBERT distributed the following literature: -

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'Why 'The Enemy Forgotten' is a Vital Book'

'Discussion Guide on the 20th Congress of the CP SU'

'The Possibility of Peaceful Development of Socialist Revolution in Separate Countries' (Speech by Comrade A. J. MIKOYAN - Friday, March 2, 1956)

'Is War Inevitable' (Friday, March 2, 1956. 'For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy')

'Why is the Cult of the Individual Alien to the Spirit of Marxism-Leninism?' (Pravda, March 28, 1956)

"There was also an outline of information shich is desired by the State Committee dealing with agriculture and agricultural labor. (Copy enclosed)

"LAMBERT then announced that the People's World would like each area to hold a meeting of PW readers which could be attended by a PW staff member to discuss the 'make-up' of the paper in an attempt to make it more appealing to the public. He stated that when the meeting adjourned for lunch he would call up and try to get LEO BARROWAY or HARRY KRAMER to come over and explain more fully what the paper has in mind.

"He then announced that, because the State had agreed to sell 2000 copies, the book 'The Enemy Forgotten' can be gotten for \$1.75. He stated that each Club should not only get the book for each of its members, but should get as many copies as possible to be given to community leaders in unions, PTA, NAACP, etc. After some discussion RUDIE said he would contact 'ELLIS' at the International Book Store and they would formulate a form letter, then each Club could send in the names of those leaders whom they wanted to have a copy of the book and it could be mailed

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"directly to them from the book store.

"Discussion then turned to the farm labor information desired by the State Committee. RUDY LAMBERT asked HOWARD KEYLOR to gather all the information available in the Stockton area. He stated that the State Committee will call a meeting, probably in San Francisco, to get the information from each area. He remarked that the Committee is getting some of their facts from the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture. He stated that the Committee was just gathering information to have an over-all picture of the situation between agriculture and agricultural labor, but from several remarks made concerning which union would be most logical to organize the field workers, the impression was that the data gathered would be used as a basis for aiding in this area.

"The group adjourned for lunch at about 2:00 PM and resumed the meeting at about 2:45 PM.

"LAMBERT stated that there will be a National Convention of the Party in December and a National Conference on Elections in August. He then said he would give a resume on the report of the National Committee. This report has been summarized by National Chairman DENNIS and is being printed in pamphlet form and will be off the presses on May 25th.

"LAMBERT had started his resume when LEO BARROWAY arrived to discuss the People's World with the delegates. He gave a brief report on the conditions facing the paper and what the staff considers can be done about them. He stated that the staff wants each area to hold a meeting 'of our people only' (this remark was made several times during the discussion) with a representative of the paper present. Discussion at these meetings will be centered around ways and means of changing the paper to give it a broader appeal. BARROWAY stated that, at a meeting of

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"the State Board (apparently on Saturday, May 19th) it was agreed that some of the letters published in the FW on the 20th Congress, did not belong in the paper because they were too obviously connecting the paper with the Party. RUDY then stated that the State had agreed to publish a Party Bulletin which will give the Comrades a chance to express themselves and will also give them closer contact with Party Policy.

"Those present then expressed themselves on how they felt the paper could be changed to improve circulation.

"After BARROWAY left, LAMBERT continued and concluded his report on the National Committee report. At its conclusion he said the State had approved the change in meeting arrangements and he set a date to meet at the home of LILLIAN RANSOME on Thursday evening, June 21, 1956, with all those from Sacramento and north, and a meeting will be held at the THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, June 14th for San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.

"During the meeting LILLIAN RANSOME stated that she is responsible for one Club, BARNEY is responsible for one, and VIRGIL COLE for a third Club in their area.

"The meeting closed at about 6:30 PM and KEYLOR returned to THOMPSON's with them where he transferred to his own car for the drive home.

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SF 1604-S [REDACTED] advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on June 4, 1956, that MARIE GORIN who has been maintaining the funds for the outlying counties, turned over this money to CARL RUDE LAMBERT at the above meeting. [REDACTED]  
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1. Report on CP Regional meeting held in Stockton Calif. on 6-14-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 6-20-56. Filed 6-27-56.go
2. CC's of letter to all clubs on CP Nat'l Committee Meeting Discussions and Memo on Party Disussion. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 6-20-56. Filed 6-27-56.go
3. Rpt. on CP meeting held in Stockton, Calif. on 7-11-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 7-19-56. Filed 7-20-56.go
4. Meeting of Stanislaus and San Joaquin CP delegates on 7-12-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 7-19-56. Filed 7-20-56.go
5. Rpt. on CP state Agricultural meeting held in Berkeley, Calif. on 7-15-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 7-20-56. Filed 7-23-56.go
6. Report on CP meeting at Lathrop, Calif. on 8-2-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 8-23-56. Filed 8-27-56.go
7. Report on Regional CP meeting at Lathrop, Calif on 8-9-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 9-23-56. Rec'd Filed 9-27-56. go
8. Rpt. on CP meeting held at Stockton, Calif. on 9-10-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 9-24-56. Filed 9-28-56.go
9. Report on CP state meetings Nat'l CP meeting & PW drive dated 9-21-56. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 9-25-56. Filed 9-28-56.go
10. Report on San Joaquin-Stanislaus CP meeting held on 10/4/56. Received from SF1604-S on 10/11/56. Filed 10/13/56. Jim
11. Letter to all Calif. CP Clubs re PW from State Committee. Received from SF1604-S on 10/11/56. Filed 10/13/56. Jim
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17. Report on CP meeting held in Stockton, Calif. on 10/25/56. Received from SF1604-S on 11/1/56. Filed 11/13/56. Jim
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LETTER TO ALL CLUBS ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING DISCUSSIONS

Dear Member:

Our National Secretary, Eugene Dennis, has called his report to the National Board, "The Communists Take a New Look". This means that every member -- not just the leadership -- should take a "new look" at our Party.

We should like to emphasize that this is not just another national report, not just a review of our work in one or another field. It is a searching reappraisal of our Party with particular attention to some of the weaknesses in our own work which contributed to our isolation from the people in the post-war period.

It is also the beginning of a fundamental discussion of what we can do to end this isolation, of what changes are needed in our policies, tactics, methods of work and attitudes towards other groups and forces.

The development of a "two-way street" -- the fullest exchange of discussion, experiences and ideas between leadership and membership -- is decisive today for our Party. THIS PLACES RESPONSIBILITY ON EVERY MEMBER TO ASSUME A ROLE IN THE EVALUATION AND MAKING OF NATIONAL POLICY as well as local and club policy.

We have two months -- June and July -- to discuss and consider the main reports presented at the National Committee meeting. These reports are not being presented as the final word. They are being presented as a basis for discussion. ~~At the National Committee meeting there was~~ vigorous debate and discussion. We hope we will have vigorous debate and discussion in California too. After the opinions, judgements and conclusions of all clubs have been assembled -- on the basis of this collective judgement -- resolutions will be drawn up by the National Committee in preparation for the National Convention. Prior to the convention, these resolutions will be submitted to the membership. There will also be County and State Conventions.

Local and state experiences will, of course, enrich these discussions. There will be ample time at the end of this two month period for a thorough review of state, county, section and club work during the next few months leading up to conventions at all levels. It is our hope that at this time the entire party membership will contribute to reviewing and shaping our overall national policy. We offer some suggestions for clubs to consider in planning these discussions:

1.) Clubs should make arrangements -- whether thru weekly or special meetings -- to guarantee ample time for discussion during this two-month period. It is obviously impossible to do justice to a review of ten years' work in three or four hours of discussion.

2.) Read The Dennis report, which is available to every member, in preparation for the discussions, and material in the national and state discussion bulletins and in Political Affairs expressing individual opinions.

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3.) Make the fullest use of the California State Discussion Bulletin for expression and exchange of ideas.

4.) While we have singled out the Dennis report, all members will also have available the other reports presented at the National Committee meeting. ("The Meaning of the XXth Congress of the CPSU" by Max Weiss and "The Challenge of the '56 Elections" by Claude Lightfoot)

5.) In an effort to provide some aid to the clubs on how to divide up the discussions, we are making some suggestions.

It is our opinion that there are two main areas for discussion:

1. Evaluation of our Estimates and Tactics in the Post-War Period.
2. Inner-Party Democracy and our Perspectives.

It is up to the clubs to work out their own flexible plans. Some clubs may want to go into more details in one or another area or select entirely different areas. The discussion should proceed at the speed and in those areas on which the club collectively decides.

6.) At the conclusion of this two month discussion, we ask each club to register its collective opinion -- in written form, preferably-- so that the Party leadership and National Committee will have the benefit of the membership's thinking. Let's really make it a two-way street!

We know that the membership shares with us our concern that at the same time we are engaged in examining, exploring and discussing the ways of improving our Party, we will keep in mind the responsibilities we face in the '56 elections and in the support of the People's World. Our job is now to take a 'new Look' at the Party so we can better meet the challenge of our tasks today and on the morrow.

Comradely,

THE STATE BOARD

June, 1956

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MEMO ON PARTY DISCUSSION:

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Suggestions for Division of Subjects for Club Discussion.

1. OUR POST-WAR ESTIMATES AND TACTICS

(Reading: Dennis report, pp20-28; also: PA Articles - June, '48-Sept., '49- Jan., '51- Feb., '51 - July, '51 - Sept., '53 - Oct., '54)

FIRST DISCUSSION:

(This discussion could deal mainly with the estimates of the danger of war, fascism, and economic crises and whether the tactics we adopted flowing from these estimates were correct.)

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS:

One or more discussions could be held around our tactics in various fields. Possible questions for discussion could include:

Trade Union: (Reading: Dennis report:8-10; 12-13; 28-31; 38-40) Also PA - Aug., '47 - Dec., '47 - Feb., '48 -Mar., '48-Sept., '48 - Jan., '49 - Aug., '49 - Sept., '53

Political Action: (Reading: Dennis; PP 15-19; 31-34: Lightfoot report) Also : PA # Jan., '48 - Dec., '48 - Jan., '51 - Feb., '51 - July, '53 - Sept.-Oct. '54.

Negro Work:( Reading; Dennis pp. 10-12; 34-35; 43-44) In addition, Foster in Political Affairs, May, 1955; Hastings-Mann, PA - March '55- Stevens, PA - May, '55)

Summary:

After specific discussions of various phases of our work, we believe the overall questions should be posed on incorporated into one of the tactical discussions:

Do you agree with the National Committee's characterization (pp35-37) that "most of the erroneous analysis and tactical mistakes our Party has made since 1945 have been chiefly of a left sectarian character? What's significant about such a characterization?

11. INNER-PARTY DEMOCRACY AND OUR PERSPECTIVES

FIRST DISCUSSION - Collective Leadership and Party Democracy  
(Reading: Dennis report; 35-40; and Discussion Bulletins)

(Two discussions may be required to deal with this question)

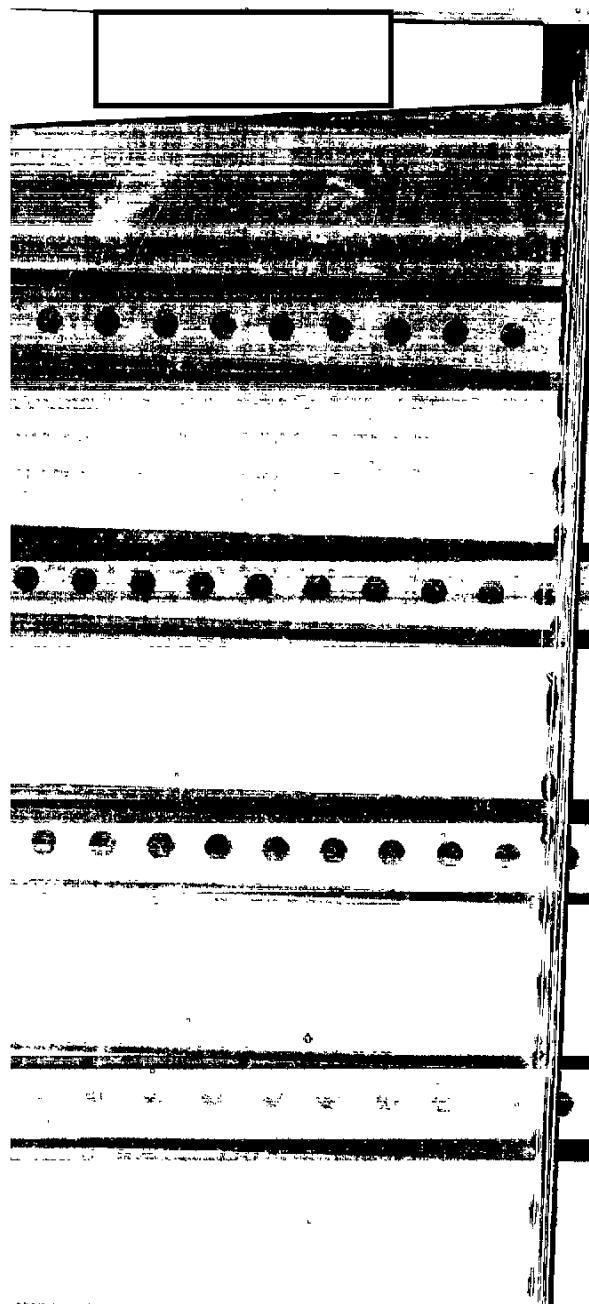
SECOND DISCUSSION -For a Mass Party of Socialism  
(Reading: Dennis report pp40-48)

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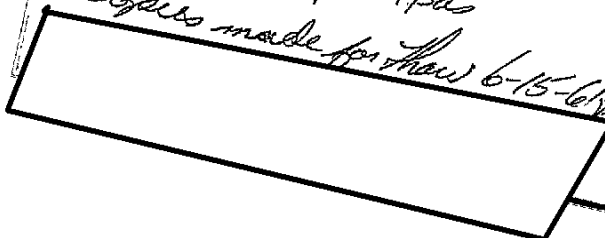
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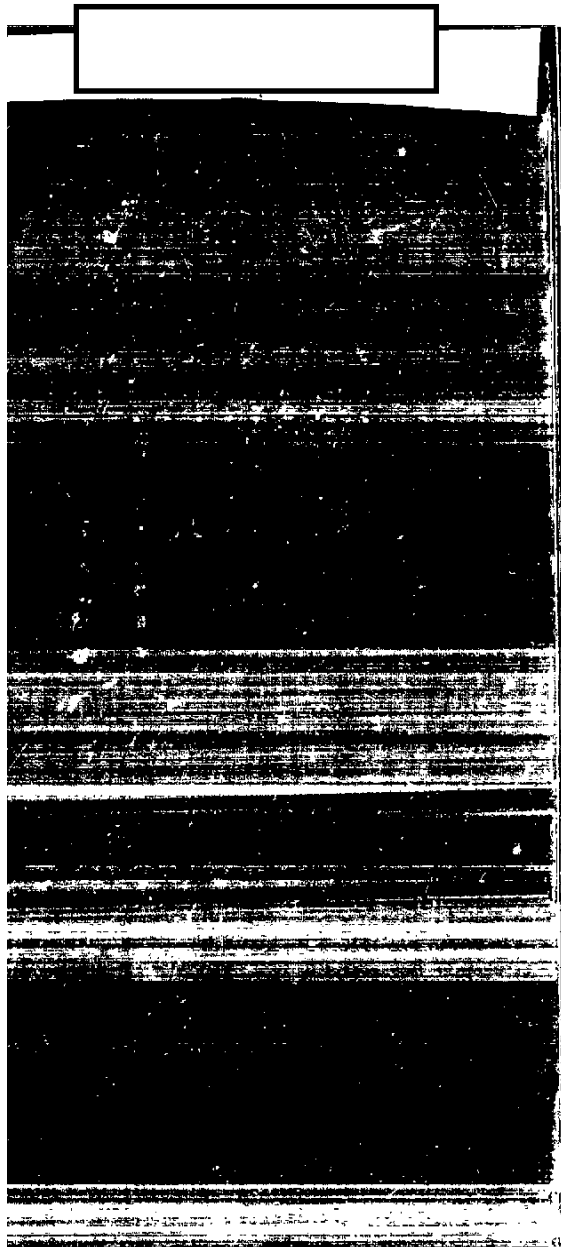


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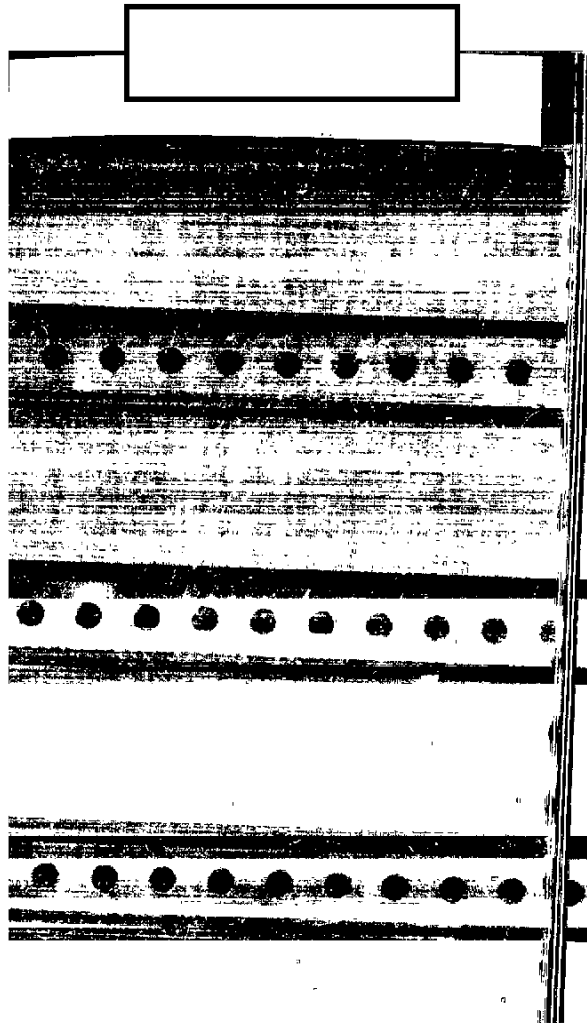
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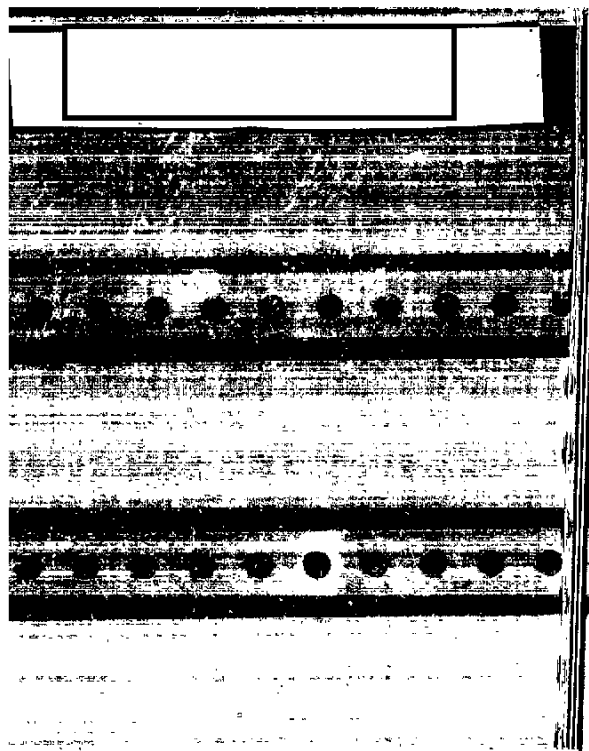


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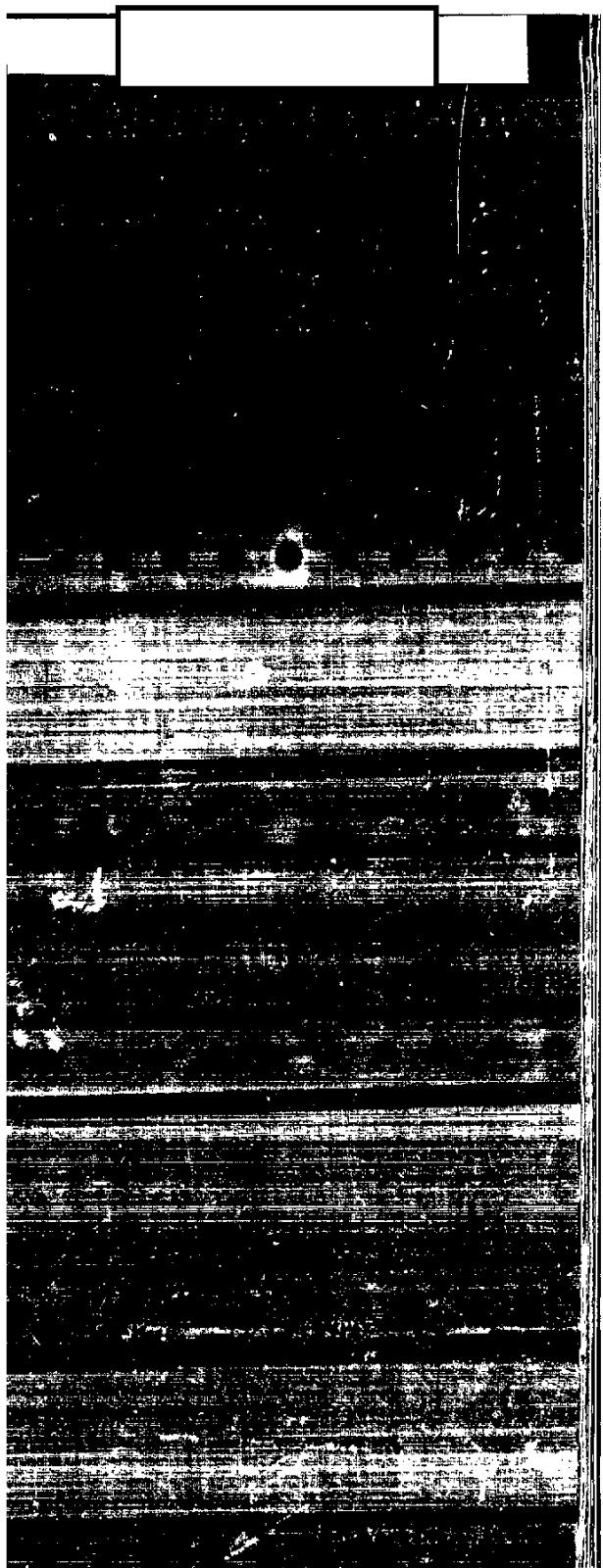
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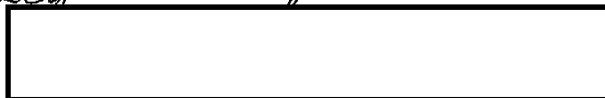
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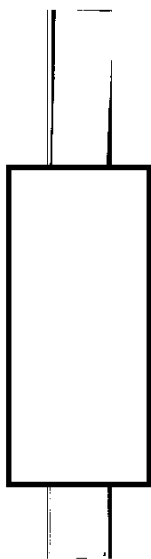


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TO ALL CALIFORNIA CLUBS.

Dear Comrades: (Please read and act upon at your next Club meeting)

We address this letter to you with the urgent appeal that it be given serious consideration. We are taking this extra-ordinary step because we are convinced our membership can determine the final outcome of the PEOPLE'S WORLD fund drive, guaranteeing the continued existence of the paper whether as a daily or weekly.

When the drive was launched in July the State Committee in its statement of support pointed to the honorable record of the PEOPLE'S WORLD of serving the best interests of the American working-class and the whole nation. Not the least of its services is its present role in the great process of re-appraisal and self-criticism going on in all progressive circles and in providing a forum for debate of ideas and opinions.

The statement also said: "Now as never before the PEOPLE'S WORLD needs and deserves the unstinting support of its readers, friends and supporters. The discussions now going on regarding the role of the PEOPLE'S WORLD and the criticism of its content and proposals how to make it a more effective paper are a part of the healthy process of self-criticism and re-evaluation which will have beneficial results for the whole progressive movement. But just as the struggle for peace and democracy goes on every day, just so must the struggle to maintain the PEOPLE'S WORLD be conducted unremittingly, even while these discussions are continuing."

At this writing the fund drive has reached 52.6% altho two-thirds of the time has elapsed. The tempo is dangerously slow despite the fact that some areas record higher achievements. As the PEOPLE'S WORLD itself points out, the relatively slow pace of the drive makes it extremely difficult for the paper to meet current obligations along with the pressing debts that have accumulated. More seriously, unless the obligations are met, the existence of the paper is placed in jeopardy.

We are confident that our membership, recognizing the gravity of the problem, will join in finding ways of broadening the participation in the drive and help carry it thru to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

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TO ALL COUNTIES

Dear Comrades:

We are planning for the Conventions to be held thruout the Party.

The date of the National Convention has been set For February 9th-12th, and the State Convention shall probably be held in mid-January. It is proposed that the major counties hold their Conventions during December, while the outlying Counties, including Sonoma, Marin, Santa Clara and San Bernardino, hold their Convention during the month of November.

By way of preliminary preparation, we suggest:

- (1) That your County designate someone to discuss the Convention plans with the State office, so that dates and preparations can be co-ordinated with the state-wide plans.
- (2) That an effort be made now to get all members paid up thru September, 1956, in their dues payments.
- (3) That a sub-committee, or your leading County committee, be authorized to proceed with the Convention arrangements by vote of the County Committee.
- (4) That as soon as the National Draft Resolution is available (approximately September 30th) it be distributed to the entire membership. The pre-convention discussion will then get underway, and it may be necessary to schedule more frequent club meetings in order to enable the clubs to discuss and act upon all sections of the Draft Resolution.

The State Committee is meeting on September 22nd-23rd, and will also act on Convention proposals (date, place, representation, method of electing delegates, and related matters). The decisions will be transmitted to you as soon as feasible, after the State Committee meeting.

Comradely yours,

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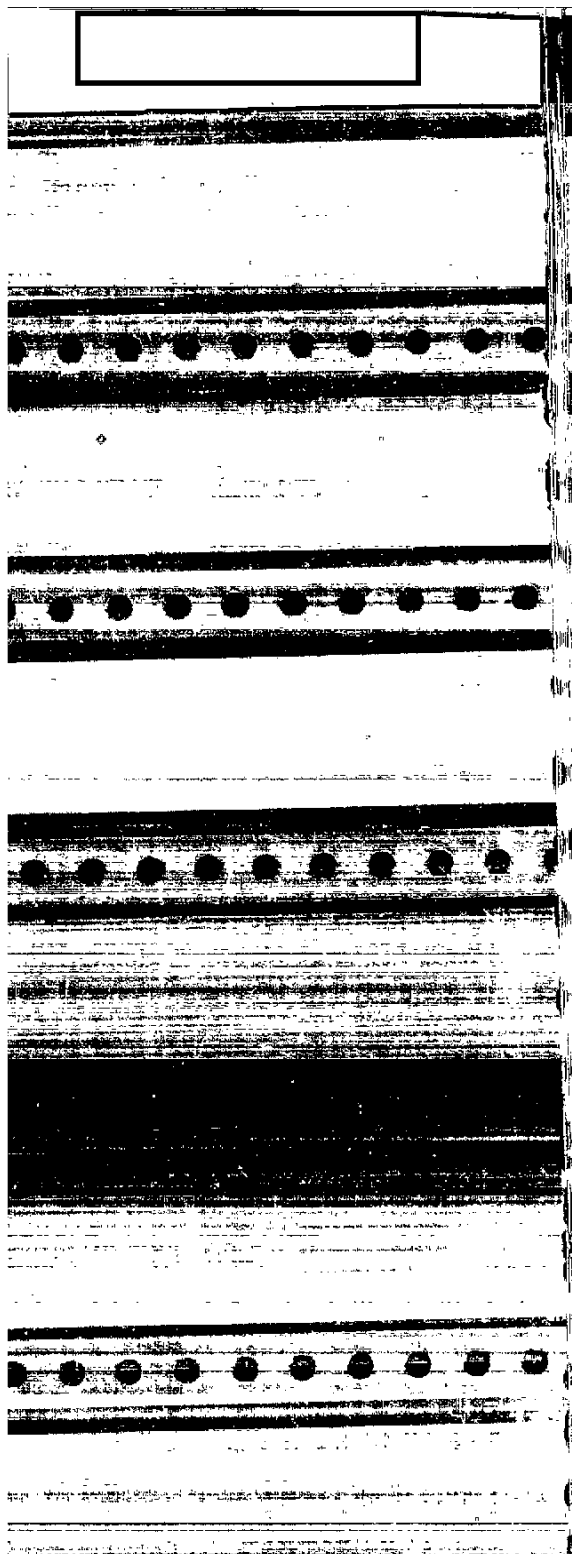
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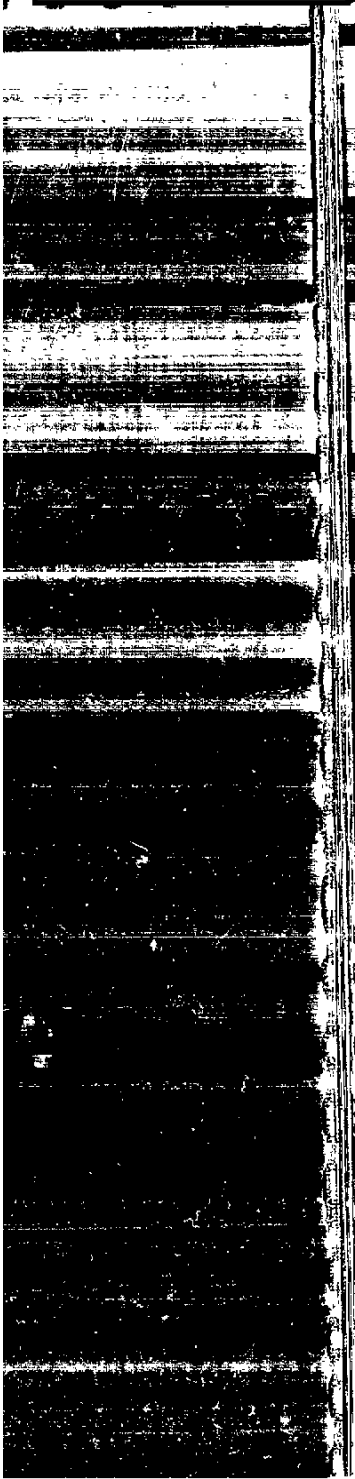
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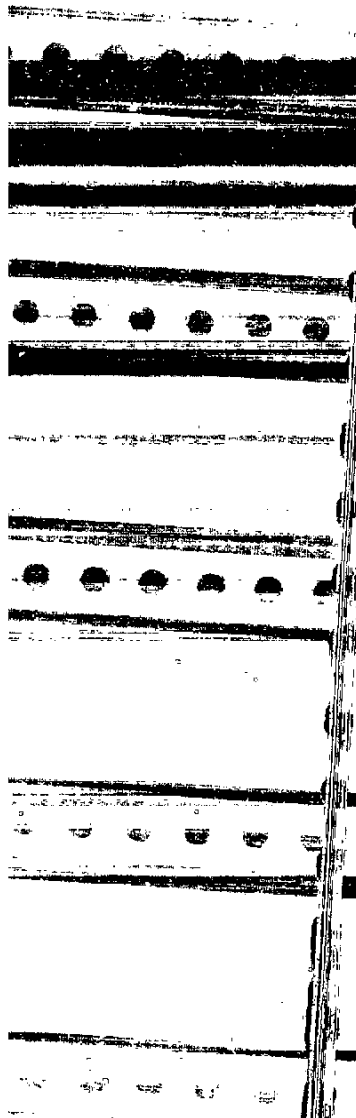


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TO ALL CALIFORNIA CLUBS

Dear Friends;

This is to inform you that a coast-wise PEOPLE'S WORLD CONFERENCE is to be held

OCTOBER 27th, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO

Your Club is requested to elect a delegate to this Conference which will be the most representative press conference to be called together since the birth of the DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD.

The purpose of the Conference will be to review and estimate the present status of the paper's political and financial problems with the aim of arriving at the most responsible and realistic conclusions regarding the future perspective of the paper.

A special report is being prepared to be presented to the Conference. It will incorporate all facts and data required by the conferees. A sub-committee is now at work looking into certain facts with regard to circulation, costs and future financing.

As you know, the paper faces the most serious financial situation in its nineteen year life. The future existence of the PEOPLE'S WORLD actually depends on the successful completion of the present financial drive whether it continues as a daily or a weekly. The financial obligations of the paper are so pressing as to require it's reaching the goal of \$150,000 without fail.

Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly clear that the vast majority of the paper's supporters strongly concur in the conviction that regardless of the outcome of the discussions and debates regarding the future perspective of our organization, to face the future without a voice for the progressive movement on the Pacific Coast is unthinkable and that all efforts must be made to keep the paper alive.

We urge that your Club discuss this question. Your vote for the continued existence of the PEOPLE'S WORLD can best be registered by completing your quota in the financial drive and having your delegate come to the conference armed with your determination to keep the PEOPLE'S WORLD in the fight.

The fact that we will have gathered together representatives from all Clubs thruout the State will guarantee that the decisions of the Conference will express the will and judgement of our organization in the most democratic way possible.

Sincerely yours,  
STATE COMMITTEE

P.S. You will be notified of the time and place of the Conference by your Section officers. The conference is to be an all-day meeting.

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Dear Friend:

We have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the People's World conference will have to be held in two regional sessions. This change is necessitated by the high travel expenses involved for the majority of delegates, a fact which threatened to limit the attendance at the Conference.

We now propose that the southern area conference be held in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 27th; and the northern area conference be held in San Francisco on Sunday, October 28th.

This arrangement will permit for the exchange of representative delegates from each conference to the other to report on and help co-ordinate the actions of both sessions.

We understand that the People's World will in the coming weeks continue to inform its readers on the status of the financial drive, the over-all financial problems of the paper, and when ready with the factual material, comparative costs of daily or weekly publication.

We also wish to take this opportunity to once more urge that all efforts toward reaching your goal in the financial drive be strengthened. County organizations which are close to reaching 100 % should especially aim to conclude by the date of the conference, and in those areas where more time is needed, estimates should be made as to when you can complete your quota, so your delegates can report to the conference.

Final information as to the time and place of the conference will be given to subsequently.

Regards,

State Secr.

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TO ALL COUNTIES

Dear Friends: CONVENTION ASSESSMENT

The NC decided on a Convention Assessment which is to be collected now in the course of the dues control. Representation at conventions will be based on membership in good standing and status of convention assessment.

The assessment is \$2.00 for employed and 50¢ for housewives and unemployed members.

The entire sum is to be turned over to the State Dues Secretary for transmission to the center.

Regards,

State Org. Comm.

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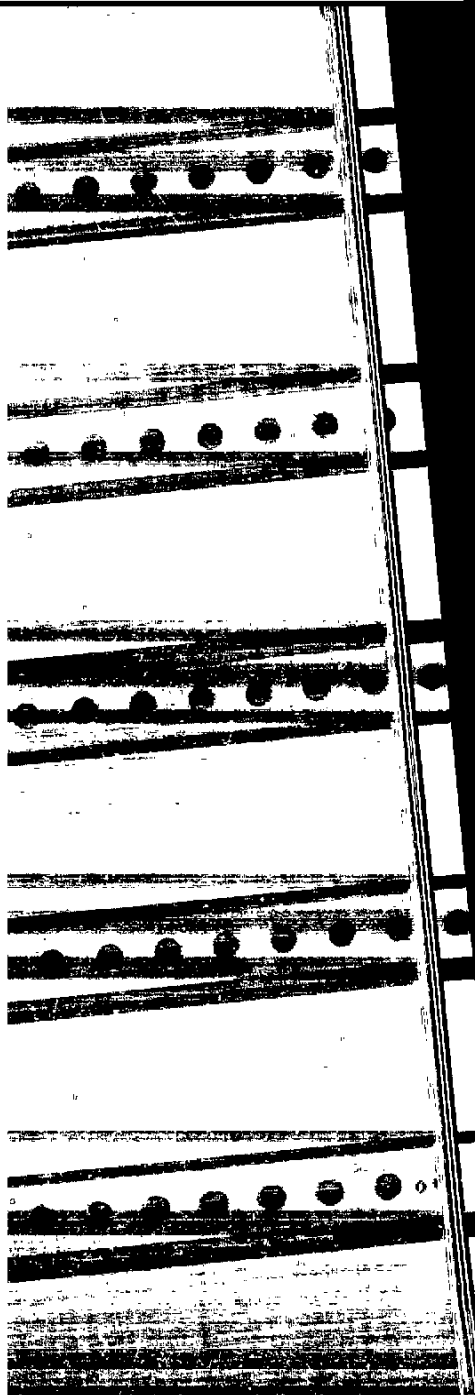
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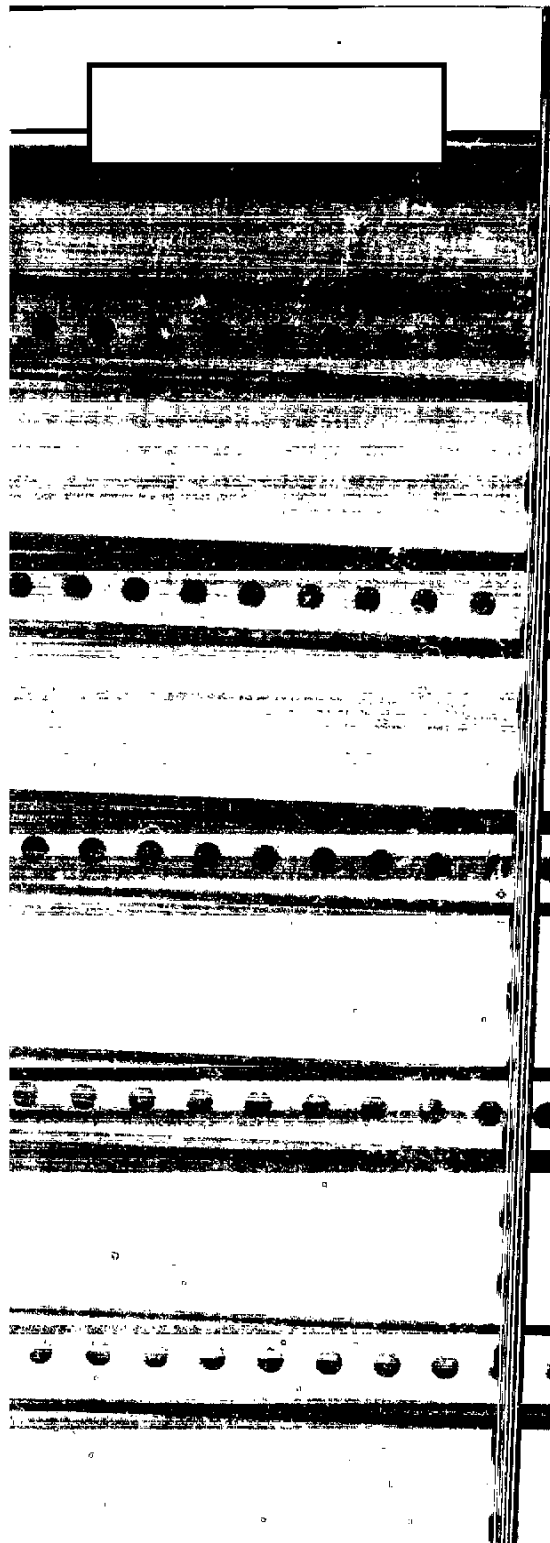
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TO ALL COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Comrades:

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

The State Committee of California agreed on the calling of the State Convention on JANUARY 12th and 13th, 1957, to be held in **LOS ANGELES**.

This letter is to inform you of the decisions made by our Committee with regard to representation, pre-convention discussion and other matters pertaining to the Convention:

Basis of Representation

- 1)
  - 1) Representation shall be based on the number of members in good standing (paid through the month of September, 1956).
  - 2) To assure the broadest participation, yet meet considerations of practicality, we agree that the basis of representation shall be one delegate for every fifteen dues paying members or major fraction thereof.
  - 3) To base the number of alternates on 20% of the number of regular delegates elected by the County or Regional Convention.
    - County organizations entitled to 5 delegates or less shall be entitled to at least one alternate.
  - 4) Delegates and alternates to be elected at the County Convention by secret ballot. Nominations for delegates to the State Convention may be made at Division or Section Conventions, not limiting such nominations necessarily only to members in their own sub-divisions.
  - 5) Alternates to be invited to attend the State Convnetion which will decide whether such alternates will have voice in the Convention.

Pre-Convention discussion and actions:

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- 1) The National draft resolution shall be the major material for pre-convention discussion, and all Clubs, Sections, Divisions and County organizations are expected to act on the resolution in the course of the pre-convention discussion period and at conventions.
  - 2) A national discussion bulletin will be published beginning November 1st, to contain the views of Party members and leaders on the draft resolution.
  - 3) All additional materials, such as resolutions on specific questions, reports by committees and other discussion materials will be submitted to all Clubs, Sections, Divisions and Counties in advance to be used in the pre-convention discussion.

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- 4) Copies of all Club, Section, Division and County resolutions, proposals and actions taken on the national draft resolution or any other matters before the Party in this period, as well as actions taken by County Conventions to be submitted to the State Convention Committee prior to the State Convention (or as they are acted upon by the respective bodies).
- 5) The State Committee will set up the following sub-committees to aid in the Convention preparations:
  - Resolutions Committee (to receive resolutions and prepare report to Convention)
  - Constitution and Structure Committee
  - \*Trade Union Committee (to aid in the preparation of report to the State Convention)
  - Negro Committee (to aid in the preparation of report to the State Convention)
  - Youth Committee (to aid in the preparation of report to State Convention).

Agenda of Convention:

- 1) The Agenda for the State Convention shall be decided upon at the next meeting of the State Committee.

Recess State Convention:

- 1) It was agreed that the State Convention shall recess to re-convene after the National Convention.
- 2) This re-convened session of the State Convention shall hear reports on actions taken by the National Convention, act on State By-Laws, resolve the questions of state structure and elect leadership.

County Conventions:

At this writing the following County Convention dates have been set:

Los Angeles.....December 15th- 16th  
San Francisco.....December 8th-9th  
East Bay.....December 1st and 9th

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The date of the NATIONAL CONVENTION is February 9th- 12th

Comradely regards,

STATE COMMITTEE

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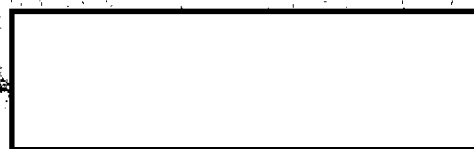


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22. Rpt. of CP meeting held at Stockton, Calif. on 1-15-57. Rec'd fr. SF-1604-S on 1-18-57. Filed 1-21-57. go
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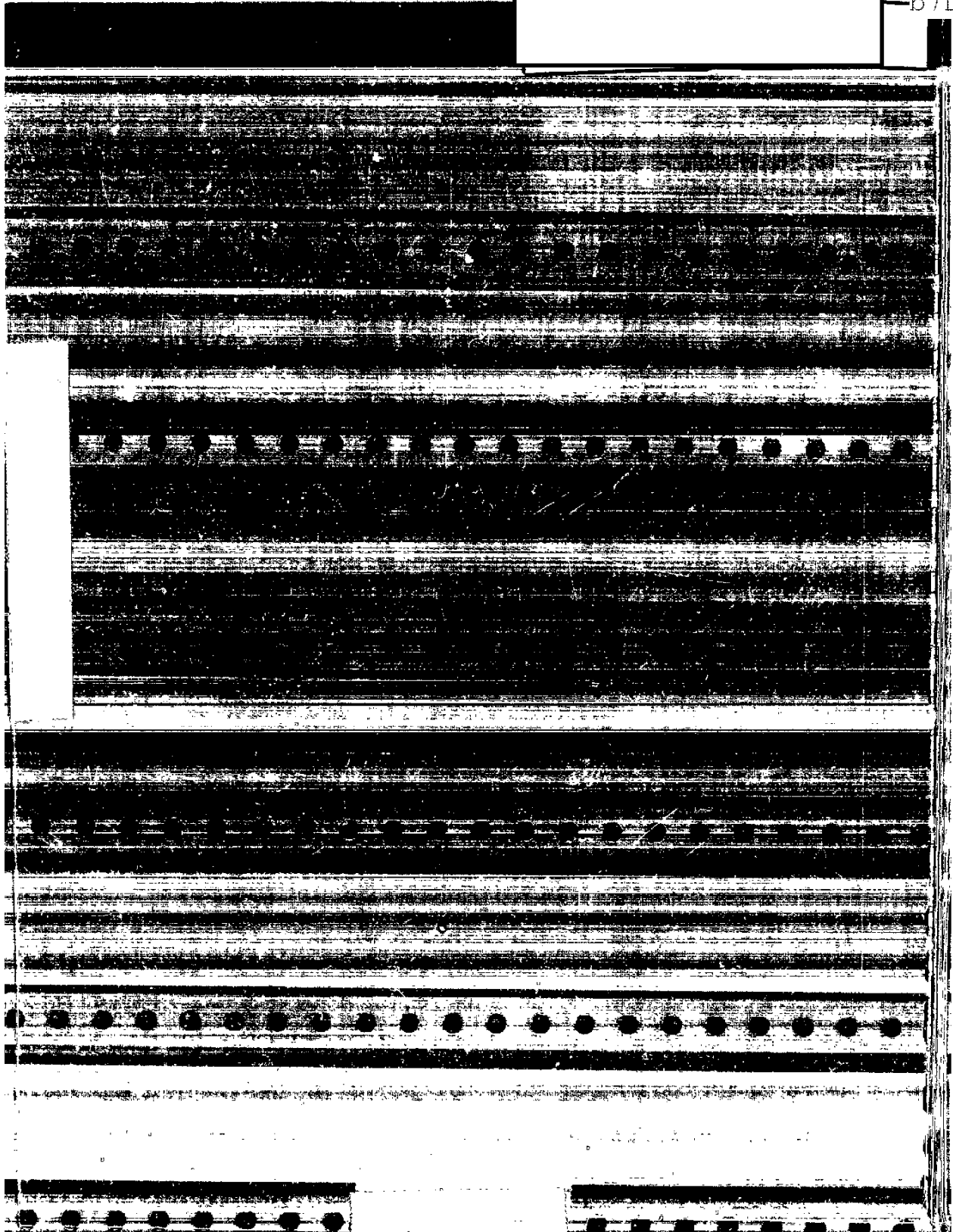
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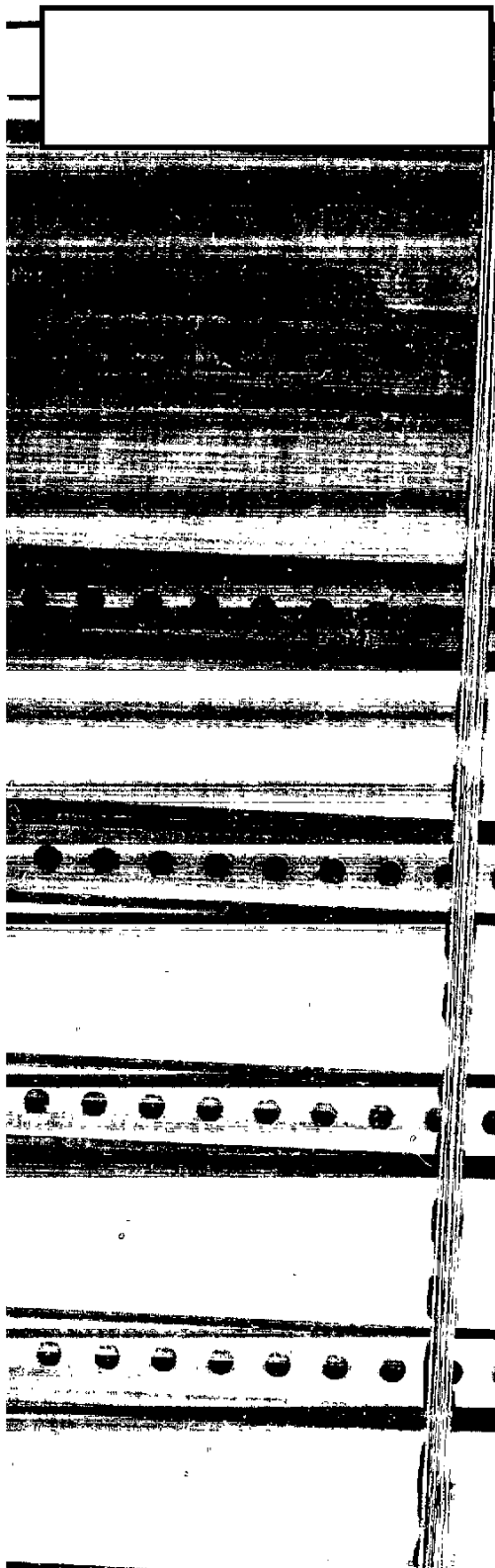
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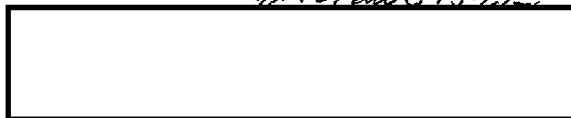
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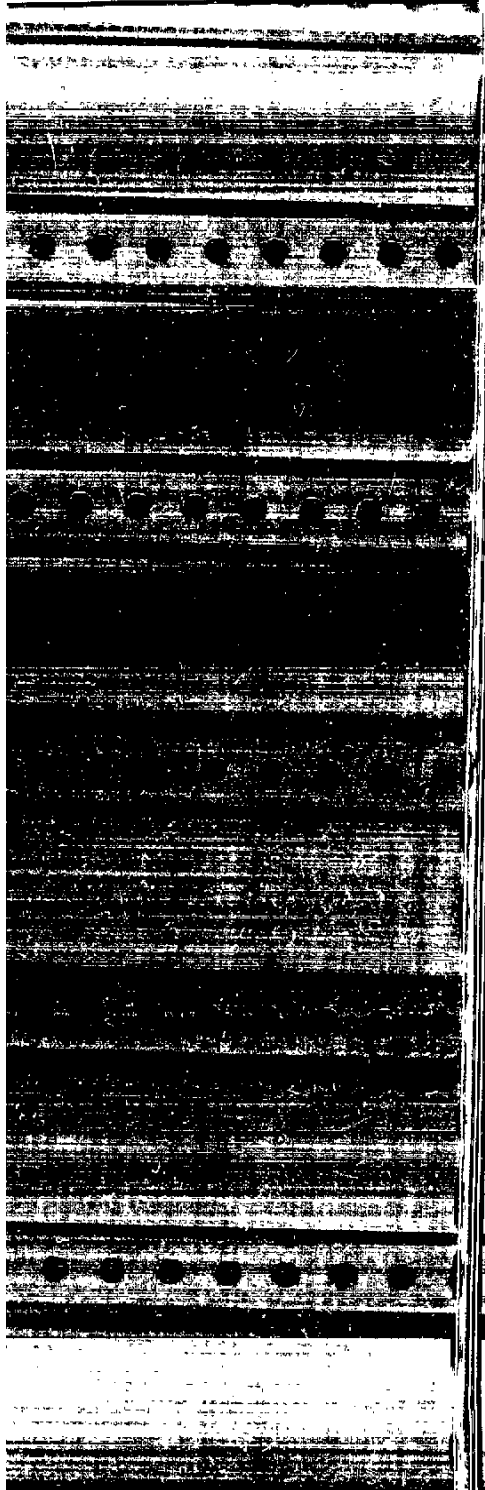
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SF (100-11889)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT : CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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DATE : 6/27/56

SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 5/22/56, furnished SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE a copy of a survey of the California Agricultural situation presently being conducted by the CP. SF 1604-S orally advised SA SAVAGE on 6/4/56 that copies of this Agricultural survey were furnished by CARL RUDE LAMBERT, CP State Board representative to the Northern California outlying counties, to CP delegates from the outlying counties at a regional meeting of the CP held in San Francisco, California on 5/20/56. LAMBERT instructed that these surveys are to be made and returned to him. A copy of this survey form is set out verbatim as follows and the original is being maintained in [REDACTED] (28):

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  - 1 - 100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
  - 1 - 100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)
  - 1 - 100-31499 (ANMA)
  - 1 - 100-17989 (CP SACRAMENTO COUNTY)
  - 1 - 100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)
  - 1 - 100-21284 (CP MONTEREY COUNTY)
  - 1 - 100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)
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"To survey the industry along the following lines:

"1. Situation in the industry

- Main trends and developments in the industry
  - Field
  - Packing Shed
  - Processing
    - From 1945 to 1955
- a. Industrialization and rationalization
  - Crops and areas and how affected. For example, the lettuce pack has now become a field operation and has completely changed the character of this job.
  - Crops in their relative importance. For example, cotton has become relatively much more important in recent years.
- b. Trade union situation and working conditions
  - 1. Trends in this regard
    - Effect of mechanization
    - Main trade union developments and experiences
  - 2. Situation in the main ag. areas for the Industry as well as for the general trade union movement.
    - a. Sacramento and North Valley
    - b. Stockton and Modesto
    - c. Fresno
    - d. Bakersfield
    - e. Salinas
    - f. Santa Clara
    - g. Imperial Valley
    - How does trade union base compare to previous base and situation
      - Effect of industrialization and growth of these areas
      - Relative trade union base and strength
      - Role of unions politically in the communities and areas, etc.
- 2. National group make up of Ag. workers
  - Trends and developments relative to stabilizing working forces
  - Mexican-Americans and Mexican Nationals (and now the added possibility of Philippine imports of workers) and policy in regards to these Nationals.

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3. Effect of labor merger and perspective for co-ordx org.  
drive among un-organized sections of industry.
4. Party program for the Industry.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 7/6/56  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 20, 1956. This report, dated June 18, 1956, concerns a joint regional meeting of the Communist Party leaders from San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties with CARL RUDE LAMBERT who represented the CP State Board. This meeting was held on June 14, 1956 at Stockton, California, and the report is set out verbatim with the original maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
June 18, 1956

"On Thursday evening, June 14, 1956, there was a meeting of the Communist Party at the HOWARD THOMPSON home in Lathrop. It was the first meeting under the new set-up for regional meetings and was attended by

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members from Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties and  
RUDIE LAMBERT from the State Office.

"Those persons present were:

Stanislaus County:

MAY MURRAY

DEL BERG (He arrived with the KEYLOR's  
of San Joaquin Co.)

PHIL and HARRIET DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERTSON

San Joaquin County:

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

LEILA NOLAND

JACK JILBERT

HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"The meeting was opened at 8:15 PM by RUDIE  
LAMBERT and he made the distribution of literature the  
first order of business. He stated he had three  
pamphlets the State considered so important that they  
had agreed to pay half the cost for each Club. They  
were:

'The Communists Take a New Look' by EUGENE DENNIS

'The Meaning of the XXth Congress of the Communist

Party of the Soviet Union' by MAX WEISS

'The Challenge of the '56 Elections' by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

"Each Club bought the number needed for their  
members and then they bought some copies of 'The Enemy  
Forgotten' by GILBERT GREEN. ROBERTSON was handling the  
Club funds for Stanislaus County and MAY MURRAY remarked  
that he had not been treasurer very long.

"Also handed out was a mimeographed pamphlet  
on discussions to be held prior to the National  
Convention. (Copy enclosed)

"RUDIE announced that the first California  
State Bulletin would be ready in a day or two and he  
would mail them out.



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"There was a lengthy and pointless discussion of the '56 elections, based mainly on the primaries and their outcome.

"The next item on the agenda was a request by LAMBERT for the information needed by the State Agriculture Committee. Neither County had the information and LAMBERT told them it is very important that the Committee have all the needed information in order to decide what can be done about organizing the field workers.

"At the close of the meeting the date for the Agricultural Conference in San Francisco was set for July 15, 1956 and the next meeting of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties for July 27th at the THOMPSON's. The meeting closed at 10:15 PM.

"RUDIE LAMBERT had arrived at the THOMPSON's at about 3:30 PM and had supper with them, and LEILA NOLAND who was their guest for a few days. Following the meeting, HARRIET DAVIS left for San Francisco with RUDIE LAMBERT to spend her vacation in San Francisco."

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on June 21, 1956 and could furnish no additional information. Copies of "Letter to All Clubs on National Committee Meeting Discussions" and "Memo on Party Discussions" which were received from informant with above report are being exhibited under separate cover memo.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-30717)

DATE: 7/6/56

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP PARTY LINE  
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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 20, 1956 furnished SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE with copies of a letter to all CP clubs from the State Board and a memo on Party discussion. These were furnished to representatives of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus County Communist Parties at a regional CP meeting held in Stockton, California on June 14, 1956. These discussion guides are set out verbatim and the original is being maintained in

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"LETTER TO ALL CLUBS ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING DISCUSSIONS"

"Dear Member:

"Our National Secretary, EUGENE DENNIS, has called his report to the National Board, 'The Communists Take a New Look'. This means that every member -- not just the leadership -- should take a 'new look' at our Party.

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"We should like to emphasize that this is not just another national report, not just a review of our work in one or another field. It is a searching reappraisal of our Party with particular attention to some of the weaknesses in our own work which contributed to our isolation from the people in the post-war period.

"It is also the beginning of a fundamental discussion of what we can do to end this isolation, of what changes are needed in our policies, tactics, methods of work and attitudes towards other groups and forces.

"The development of a 'two-way street' -- the fullest exchange of discussion, experiences and ideas between leadership and membership-- is decisive today for our Party. THIS PLACES RESPONSIBILITY ON EVERY MEMBER TO ASSUME A ROLE IN THE EVALUATION AND MAKING OF NATIONAL POLICY as well as local and club policy.

"We have two months -- June and July -- to discuss and consider the main reports presented at the National Committee meeting. These reports are not being presented as the final word. They are being presented as a basis for discussion. At the National Committee meeting there was vigorous debate and discussion. We hope we will have vigorous debate and discussion in California too. After the opinions, judgments and conclusions of all clubs have been assembled -- on the basis of this collective judgement -- resolutions will be drawn up by the National Committee in preparation for the National Convention. Prior to the convention, these resolutions will be submitted to the membership. There will also be County and State Conventions.

"Local and state experiences will, of course, enrich these discussions. There will be ample time at the end of this two month period for a thorough review of state, county, section and club work during the next few months leading up to conventions at all levels. It is our hope that at this time the entire party membership will contribute to reviewing and shaping our overall policy.

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"We offer some suggestions for clubs to consider in planning these discussions:

"1.) Clubs should make arrangements -- whether thru weekly of special meetings-- to guarantee ample time for discussion during this two-month period. It is obviously impossible to do justice to a review of ten years' work in three or four hours of discussion.

"2.) Read the DENNIS report, which is available to every member, in preparation for the discussions, and material in the national and state discussion bulletins and in Political Affairs expressing individual opinions.

"3.) Make the fullest use of the California State Discussion Bulletin for expression and exchange of ideas.

"4.) While we have singled out the DENNIS report, all members will also have available the other reports presented at the National Committee meeting. ('The Meaning of the XXth Congress of the CPSU' by MAX WEISS and 'The Challenge of the '56 Elections' by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

"5.) In an effort to provide some aid to the clubs on how to divide up the discussions, we are making some suggestions.

"It is our opinion that there are two main areas for discussion:

"1. Evaluation of our Estimates and Tactics in the Post-War Period.

"2. Inner-Party Democracy and our Perspectives.

"It is up to the clubs to work out their own flexible plans. Some clubs may want to go into more details in one or another area or select entirely different areas. The discussion should proceed at the speed and in those areas on which the club collectively decides.

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"6.) At the conclusion of this two month discussion, we ask each club to register its collective opinion -- in written form, preferably-- so that the Party leadership and National Committee will have the benefit of the membership's thinking. Let's really make it a two-way street!

"We know that the membership shares with us our concern that at the same time we are engaged in examining, exploring and discussing the ways of improving our Party, we will keep in mind the responsibilities we face in the '56 elections and in the support of the People's World. Our job is now to take a 'new Look' at the Party so we can better meet the challenge of our tasks today and on the morrow.

"Comradely,

THE STATE BOARD

"June, 1956"

"MEMO ON PARTY DISCUSSION:

"Suggestions for Division of Subjects for Club Discussion.

"1. OUR POST-WAR ESTIMATES AND TACTICS

"(Reading: DENNIS report, pp20-28; also: PA Articles - June, '48-Sept., '49- Jan., '51- Feb., '51 - July, 51 - Sept., '53 - Oct., '54)

"FIRST DISCUSSION:

(This discussion could deal mainly with the estimates of the danger of war, fascism, and economic crises and whether the tactics we adopted flowing from these estimates were correct.)

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"FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS:

One or more discussions could be held around our tactics in various fields. Possible questions for discussion could include:

"Trade Union: (Reading: DENNIS report: 8-10; 12-13; 28-31; 38-40) Also PA - Aug., '47 - Dec., '47 - Feb., '48 - Mar., '48 - Sept., '48 - Jan., '49 - Aug., '49 - Sept., '53

"Political Action: (Reading: DENNIS; PP 15-19; 31-34; LIGHTFOOT report) Also: PA - Jan., '48 - Dec., '48 - Jan., '51 - Feb., '51 - July, '53 - Sept. - Oct. '54.

"Negro Work: (Reading; DENNIS pp. 10-12; 34-35; 43-44) In addition, FOSTER in Political Affairs, May, 1955; HASTINGS-MANN, PA - March '55 - STEVENS, PA - May, '55)

"Summary:

After specific discussions of various phases of our work, we believe the overall questions should be posed on incorporated into one of the tactical discussions:

"Do you agree with the National Committee's characterization (pp35-37) that 'most of the erroneous analysis and tactical mistakes our Party has made since 1945 have been chiefly of a left sectarian character? What's significant about such a characterization?

"11. INNER-PARTY DEMOCRACY AND OUR PERSPECTIVES

"FIRST DISCUSSION - Collective Leadership and Party Democracy  
(Reading: DENNIS report; 35-40; and Discussion Bulletins)

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"(Two discussions may be required to deal with  
this question)

"SECOND DISCUSSION -For a Mass Party of Socialism  
(Reading: DENNIS report pp40-48)

"June, 1956"

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT  
F. SAVAGE on June 22, 1956 and could furnish no additional  
information.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-42003)

7/20/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

WAYNE DALLAS HOLLEY  
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OO: Salt Lake City

SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/20/56 that he does not know TOM MURDOCK and that he has never heard of MURDOCK'S name being mentioned in connection with the Communist Party.

[redacted] both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/20/56 that they do not know ~~the~~ TOM MURDOCK and that they have never heard of him being connected with the Communist Party. b7D

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cc:

[redacted] (SF 1604-S) [redacted]

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SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-1047)

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WAYNE DALLAS HOLLEY

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Reurlet dated June 18, 1956, and report of SA  
DELMAR L. LARSON, June 26, 1956.

The records of the Stockton, California, Credit  
Bureau were examined by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on July 20, 1956.  
These records reflect that THOMAS D. MURDOCK, 806 W. Mariposa,  
Stockton, California, has been part owner of the Union  
Sheep Company, Stockton, for the past forty three years.

His wife's name is listed as VERA. He has also  
been one of the owners of the Golden State Hereford Ranch,  
at Oakdale, California, since 1949. His credit rating is  
satisfactory.

The records of the Identification Bureau of the  
San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office were examined by SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on July 10, 1956, and no record for  
THOMAS MURDOCK was located. These records also contain  
the files of the Stockton Police Department.

There is no record of THOMAS MURDOCK in the  
indices of the San Francisco Office.

[redacted] San Francisco 1604-S, and  
[redacted] all of whom have furnished reliable  
information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
on July 20, 1956, that they do not know THOMAS MURDOCK and  
that they have not heard his name mentioned in connection  
with the Communist Party at Stockton, California. - RUC -

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 8/8/56  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to  
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/19/56 by SF 1604-S. This report,  
dated 7/18/56 is set out verbatim and the original is  
maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
July 18, 1956

"On Thursday evening, July 12, 1956, HOWARD and  
LULU MAE THOMPSON visited PHIL and HARRIET DAVIS at  
their home in Empire. LULU MAE THOMPSON delivered the  
literature to them which RUDY LAMBERT had left with her  
for Stanislaus County and 8 copies of Political Affairs  
which she had received in the mail from MARIE GORIN of  
Sacramento.

"PHIL DAVIS said he would not be able to attend  
the Agriculture Conference in Oakland on Sunday, July 15,  
1956, but he was sure DELMER BERG could attend, and

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100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)  
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.)  
100-30046 [REDACTED]  
100-30040 [REDACTED]  
100-32000 [REDACTED]  
10--27988 [REDACTED]  
100-28334 [REDACTED]  
100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS &  
PUBLICATIONS)

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that DEL and MAY MURRAY had been working on a report for the State Committee.

"August 9, 1956 was the new date chosen for the Regional meeting of Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties at the HOWARD THOMPSON home.



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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/23/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)      DATE: 8/8/56  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/19/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/18/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held in Stockton, California on 7/11/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
July 18, 1956

"On Wednesday evening, July 11, 1956, a Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home and the following persons were present:

LURA WOOD (WALTER)  
JACK JILBERT  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

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100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
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"HOWARD THOMPSON told HOWARD KEYLOR that RUDIE LAMBERT had seen LULU MAE THOMPSON that afternoon and he felt that her report should take precedence over all other items on the agenda and this was agreed to.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON reported that RUDIE LAMBERT would not be present on July 27th for the Regional meeting as scheduled and he suggested that San Joaquin County pick a couple of dates favorable to them and then Stanislaus County could pick a date from the two. August 9th and 10th were the dates proposed. HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON said they would contact PHIL and HARRIET DAVIS the next night in Empire to establish this date and to tell them the date and location of the Agricultural Conference being held by the State Committee.

"HOWARD KEYLOR said he had some material for this conference, but he thought that he might have to work that day, Sunday, July 15th, and asked HOWARD THOMPSON if he could be prepared to go in his place. THOMPSON said he would be able to go but asked KEYLOR to please assemble all the material.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON then stated that RUDIE LAMBERT said the State wants all Clubs to give serious consideration to what the future role of the Party is to be in the U.S.A.. After some discussion it was decided that this would be the topic of discussion for the next meeting of the Club.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON then announced that LAMBERT asked if the Club could use more copies of GIL GREEN's book 'The Enemy Forgotten', but it was decided that as each Club member read his copy, he would see that it got into the hands of some person who would read it.

"The following persons payed dues for June to LULU MAE THOMPSON:

LURA WALTER	\$ .50
LULU MAE THOMPSON	\$ .50
HOWARD THOMPSON	\$3.00
JACK JILBERT	\$ .45

(15¢ each for June, July, Aug.)

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"HOWARD KEYLOR stated that personal problems had made it impossible for him to get a list of People's World readers to HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON for them to contact in regards to the People's World meeting on Friday evening, but that he had been seeing readers and talking to them. If they could not be at the meeting, he had been asking them for their comments on the paper and changes they would like to see. LULU MAE THOMPSON said she would bake cookies to serve that evening and the KEYLOR's said they would furnish punch.

"The date set for the next meeting was July 26, 1956 at the THOMPSON home.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/23/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28630) DATE: 8/8/56  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/20/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/18/56, concerns a meeting of the State Communist Party Agricultural Committee held in Berkeley, California on 7/15/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
July 18, 1956

"On Sunday morning, July 15, 1956, LURA WALTER and CECIL WOOD delivered the Agriculture report prepared by HOWARD KEYLOR to the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 9:00 AM and the THOMPSON's left for Oakland. They met RUDIE LAMBERT at the Greyhound Bus Depot in Oakland at 20th and San Pablo Streets at 11:45 AM. They were joined by MICKIE LIMA at about 12:00 noon and the THOMPSON's followed LAMBERT to LIMA's home at

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61-409 [REDACTED]  
65-1242 [REDACTED]  
100-31335 [REDACTED]  
100-5867 [REDACTED]  
100-23999 [REDACTED]  
100-17296 [REDACTED]  
100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)

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100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
100-20619 (CP UNDERGROUND)  
100-20245 [REDACTED]  
100-3730 (CP SANTA CLARA CO.)  
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6115 Dover Street, where they were instructed by phone to proceed to DAVE FORBES' home at 1216 Talbot, Berkeley.

"THOMPSONS left their car and proceeded with LAMBERT to the FORBES' home where they met BOB LINDSEY and JOE MORRIS of Santa Clara County. Later they were joined by DAVE FORBES, who had been out.

"Preceding the opening of the meeting, RUDIE LAMBERT, MICKIE LIMA, JOE MORRIS and BOB LINDSEY discussed some proposed meetings (public) in Santa Clara County and JOE MORRIS (who stated later in the meeting that he is Santa Clara County Communist Party Chairman) gave RUDIE LAMBERT some envelopes which he stated contained money, apparently dues, which RUDIE accepted, stating that 'I live only three blocks from the place where it should go'.

"RUDIE LAMBERT told MICKIE LIMA that while he was in Sacramento the last week he had talked to a former Party member, PAT VERBAL, and that she has been working on a job, gathering information on agricultural labor for on\_ of the Unions and that he had asked her to come into San Francisco and contact MICKIE LIMA at the Communist Party offices and discuss with him the knowledge that she had gained on this job. RUDIE LAMBERT stated that he didn't know, but he thought that PAT's case would be reviewed soon and he thought she would no doubt be reinstated, considering the changes that have taken place within the Party.

"Those present proceeded with the discussion of the agricultural labor problem in the State. The aim of this committee is to gather together all the information on the agricultural labor situation in California, that is, what unions represent the workers, what areas are organized or unorganized and what are the prospects for organizing these unorganized groups, leading up to the field workers. They want such a complete report that it will be possible for them to recommmend to the State just which Union would be best to organize the field workers and why.



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"HOWARD THOMPSON gave the report prepared by HOWARD KEYLOR on the Agricultural situation in San Joaquin County, but it was rather incomplete, because it didn't have any figures as to how many workers are organized and by what unions.

"Santa Clara County's report was also incomplete and there was not time to hear the report prepared by BOB LINDSEY on the Mexican Nationals and how they affect the agricultueal labor situation.

"After the reports, MICKIE LIMA asked what the State members of the committee felt should be the next move of the Committee. They all agreed, finally, that they should find a statistician to assemble the material and facts received so that some conclusions could be reached. RUDIE LAMBERT stated that he had talked to 'PINSKY' previously, but he was having eye trouble and would not be able to do the job, but he would see him and get from him the material that he had assembled and they would try to get someone else to do the work.

"It seemed to be the general opinion of the Committee that the Teamster's Union is the only one capable of organizing the field workers, but they did not seem to know how this could be accomplished at the present time.

"DAVE FORBES left at 3:30 PM, because he was helping with the serving of a dinner for the People's World and he asked those present to attend at 1438 Nielson when the meeting was over.

"The next meeting was set for Sunday, August 19, 1956 at 10:00 AM. MICKIE LIMA said he would try to get permission to hold it at 'ELIZABETH'S' at 9026 Birch Street, Oakland, and set 96th and East 14th Streets as the meeting place. If this place is not available he said he would notify the Committee members.

"The THOMPSONS were invited to this meeting and said they would try to get more complete information

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on the situation in their area.

"Following the meeting all present but MICKIE LIMA attended the above mentioned dinner and then LAMBERT returned the THOMPSONS to their car and they returned home arriving about 7:00 PM.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/23/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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9/12/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE (S-4)

VICENTE VICTORINO CABERE, aka  
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS  
ACT, 1947 (SECURITY MATTER)

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/10/56 that VINCE CABERE has not been a member of the Stockton, San Joaquin county Communist Party during the year 1956. Informant advised that CABERE is not trusted by the San Joaquin county CP.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that VINCE CABERE is not a member of the San Joaquin county CP [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that VINCE CABERE is not a member of the San Joaquin county CP [redacted]

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cc: 100-31486 [redacted]

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

METHODIST FEDERATION FOR  
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re Portland let to Bureau, 7/20/56.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. LLOYD M. BERTHOLF, 1408 W. Euclid, Stockton, California, was interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/10/56 in connection with another matter at which time she advised that she has been affiliated with the Methodist Federation for Social Action for several years. She stated that Dr. GEORGE H. COLLIVER, professor at the College of the Pacific, is the nominal head of the MFSA in the Stockton area. She further advised that there is no official MFSA group in Stockton and that there are no MFSA meetings held in the Stockton area. According to Mrs. BERTHOLF, about once a year, during the Methodist convention, a group of people who are interested in the program of the MFSA get together for a discussion. She stated that this is not an organized or membership group. She advised that her connection with the MFSA has been to subscribe to the SOCIAL QUESTIONS BULLETIN and possibly attend a lecture or discussion at the yearly Methodist convention or conference. She further advised that should there be an organized MFSA group in the Stockton area, she would have been invited to participate. Due to the nature of the interview, it was not possible to ask any other specific questions regarding the MFSA.

SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/10/56 that the Communist Party in San Joaquin county is not aware of or connected with the MFSA.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that the Communist Party in Stanislaus county is not aware of or connected with the MFSA. [redacted] furnished this information on 9/11/56.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 10/3/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/23/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 8/20/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held at Lathrop, California on 8/2/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"August 20, 1956

"There was a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, August 2, 1956 and the following persons attended:

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
LURA WOOD (WALTER)  
JACK JILBERT

"The discussion for the meeting was centered around the People's World Fund Drive and ways of making money for the Club's quota of \$250.00. The Club decided on personal contact of subscribers and making dill pickles to be sold at the bazaar in San

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cc: [redacted]

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"Dues for June were paid by:

"HOWARD THOMPSON	\$3.00
LULU MAE THOMPSON	.50
LURA WOOD	.50

"July, August and Sept.

JACK JILBERT	.45 (15¢ a month)
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"Next meeting date was set for August 16, 1956 at the  
KEYLOR home.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F.  
SAVAGE on 9/10/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 10/3/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/23/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 8/20/56, concerns a meeting of the leaders of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties Communist parties with CARL RUDE LAMBERT, CP State Board representative to the outlying counties, on 8/9/56 at Lathrop, California.

The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Stockton, California  
August 20, 1956

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1 100-29506 [REDACTED]  
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1 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
1 97-27 (PW)  
1 100-25486 [REDACTED]  
1 100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
1 100-26546 (CP EDUCATION)  
1 100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)  
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1 100-25687 (CP SECURITY)

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"There was a regional meeting of the Communist Party at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, August 9, 1956. The following persons were present, representing Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties:

PHIL and HARRIET DAVIS  
(C)LEORA CHASTAINE  
HOWARD KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
RUDIE LAMBERT

"LAMBERT arrived early and had dinner with the THOMPSONS.

"PHIL DAVIS was elected Chairman of the meeting and called it to order about 8:30 PM.

"LAMBERT reported that the People's World Fund drive is lagging and HOWARD KEYLOR donated \$5.00 and HOWARD THOMPSON donated \$20.00. HOWARD KEYLOR turned in a subscription and the money for it. RUDIE reported that the Board for the paper had decided to call a conference to meet in San Francisco to discuss the problems facing the paper, but no date has been set as yet.

"The week-end edition will be changed in the immediate future and ADAM LAPIN will be the editor.

"RUDIE LAMBERT gave a report on the 2nd session of the National Committee meeting. He stated that the committee had held this meeting while the Khrushchev report was still a secret. He said there was a good deal of friction between GATES and DENNIS, DENNIS being of the opinion that GATES' editorial went too far and was not the statement of the National Committee.

"LAMBERT stated that the State Board is considering having the State Convention in two sessions, one preceding, the other following the National Convention. The first session would open discussions on the problems facing the Party and the second would be devoted to a discussion of the conclusions reached by the National Convention.



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"LULU MAE THOMPSON turned over San Joaquin County dues for June and July to RUDY LAMBERT.

"The following literature was distributed:

"The Status and Prospects of the Negro People's movement and the Theoretical Promises of the Communist Party on the Negro Question" By JAMES E. JACKSON, May 1951

"Communist Party Position on Status and Prospects of the Black Belt" By JAMES E. JACKSON

"Certain Concepts Toward a Resolution on the Communist Party and the Negro Question" By JAMES E. JACKSON (pre-1956)

"Also distributed were some copies of the Daily Worker.

"HOWARD THOMPSON reported that the FBI had visited MARY BERGMAN of Pine Grove and told her that she had applied for and been refused readmittance to the Communist Party on certain dates. THOMPSON said he and his wife had told HOWARD KEYLOR and the State Review Committee about the time the BERGMANs had come down to attend a meeting with LEILA NOLAND and he had refused to open the meeting for security reasons.

"RUDIE LAMBERT asked that the next meeting be held so that he could devote one full evening to each Club, with all members present. Dates were set for Friday, September 14, 1956 in Stanislaus County and Saturday September 15, 1956 in San Joaquin County.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/10/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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ARTIE BROWN, was.  
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re: memo SA BURNETT BRITTON, 9/25/56.

SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 10/5/56 orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that the subject was not in attendance at the joint meeting of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus County Communist Partys held in Stockton, California on 10/4/56. Informant advised that CARL RUDE LAMBERT was the only representative from the CP State Board to attend this meeting of CP leaders from these two counties. Informant will furnish complete written report regarding this meeting.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has almost complete knowledge regarding CP activities in San Joaquin County, California, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/3/56 that the Subject is not known by this informant and is not known by the CP in San Joaquin County.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted] in San Joaquin County, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that the Subject is not known by this informant [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)      DATE: 10/24/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA - DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/25/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 9/21/56, also contains a copy of a letter "TO ALL COUNTIES" by LOUISE TODD dated 9/15/56 and a letter "TO ALL CALIFORNIA CLUBS" by the State Board dated 9/10/56. The report and letters are set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
September 21, 1956

The originals of the enclosed papers were delivered to the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Wednesday,

1- CP, USA, DISTRICT 13 (100-11889)

cc

[REDACTED] SF 1604-S)

100-20472 [REDACTED]

100-28425 [REDACTED]

61-409 [REDACTED]

100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

97-27 (DPW)

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September 19, 1956, by JACK JILBERT and turned over to LEILA NOLAND. When the THOMPSONs returned from town she gave them to LULU MAE THOMPSON and told her that JACK had said that he had received them from RUDIE LAMBERT and he had asked that LULU MAE THOMPSON get one set of them to Stanislaus County.

Also included in the papers was a very lengthy DRAFT ELECTION STATEMENT.



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September 10, 1956

TO ALL CALIFORNIA CLUBS

Dear Comrades: (Please read and act upon at your next Club meeting)

We address this letter to you with the urgent appeal that it be given serious consideration. We are taking this extra-ordinary step because we are convinced our membership can determine the final outcome of the PEOPLE'S WORLD fund drive, guaranteeing the continued existence of the paper whether as a daily or weekly.

When the drive was launched in July, the State Committee in its statement of support pointed to the honorable record of the PEOPLE'S WORLD of serving the best interests of the American working-class and the whole nation. Not the least of its services is its present role in the great process of re-appraisal and self-criticism going on in all progressive circles and in providing a forum for debate of ideas and opinions.

The statement also said: "Now as never before the PEOPLE'S WORLD needs and deserves the unstinting support of its readers, friends and supporters. The discussions now going on regarding the role of the PEOPLE'S WORLD and the criticism of its content and

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proposals how to make it a more effective paper are a part of the healthy process of self-criticism and re-evaluation which will have beneficial results for the whole progressive movement. But just as the struggle for peace and democracy goes on every day, just so must the struggle to maintain the PEOPLE'S WORLD be conducted unremittingly, even while these discussions are continuing."

At this writing the fund drive has reached 52.6% altho two-thirds of the time has elapsed. The tempo is dangerously slow despite the fact that some areas record higher achievements. As the PEOPLE'S WORLD itself points out, the relatively slow pace of the drive makes it extremely difficult for the paper to meet current obligations along with the pressing debts that have accumulated. More seriously, unless the obligations are met, the existence of the paper is placed in jeopardy.

We are confident that our membership, recognizing the gravity of the problem, will join in finding ways of broadening the participation in the drive and help carry it thru to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

STATE BOARD

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September 15, 1956

TO ALL COUNTIES

Dear Comrades:

We are planning for the Conventions to be held thruout the party.

The date of the National Convention has been set for February 9th-12th and the State Convention shall probably be held in mid-January. It is proposed that the major counties hold their Conventions during

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December, while the outlying Counties, including Sonoma, Marin, Santa Clara and San Bernardino, hold their Convention during the month of November.

By way of preliminary preparation, we suggest:

1- That your County designate someone to discuss the Convention plans with the State office, so that dates and preparations can be co-ordinated with the state-wide plans.

2- That an effort be made now to get all members paid up thru September, 1956, in their dues payments.

3- That a sub-committee, or your leading County committee, be authorized to proceed with the Convention arrangements by vote of the County Committee.

4- That as soon as the National Draft Resolution is available (approximately September 30th) it be distributed to the entire membership. The pre-convention discussion will then get underway, and it may be necessary to schedule more frequent club meetings in order to enable the clubs to discuss and act upon all sections of the Draft Resolution.

The State Committee is meeting on September 22nd-23rd, and will also act on Convention proposals (date, place, representation, method of electing delegates, and related matters). The decisions will be transmitted to you as soon as feasible, after the State Committee meeting.

Comradely yours,

LOUISE TODD

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)      DATE: 10/24/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/24/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 9/21/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held in Stockton, California, on 9/10/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
September 21, 1956

On Monday evening, September 10, 1956, there was a meeting of the Communist Party at the HOWARD KEYLOR home and those persons attending the meeting were:

1- CP-SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (100-21286)

cc: [REDACTED]

(SF 1604-S)

100-29506 [REDACTED]  
100-31446 [REDACTED]  
100-20472 [REDACTED]  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

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LURA WOOD  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
JACK JILBERT

HOWARD KEYLOR the Club chairman called the meeting to order at about 8 p.m. and there was a lengthy discussion on the fund drive for the People's World. LULU MAE THOMPSON announced that with some help from HOWARD KEYLOR, nearly 130 quarts of dill pickles had been prepared for the People's World bazaar to sell the pickles and the THOMPSONs said they would get the pickles and the plants donated by LEILA NOLAND down to San Francisco.

HOWARD THOMPSON reported that he had sold the TV set owned by the Club and had cleared \$25.00 for the fund drive. LULU MAE THOMPSON announced that LEILA NOLAND had donated \$5.00 to the drive from her small income and stated she would like to return it to her. EVANGELINE KEYLOR suggested that the money be turned in, but that all the club members donate something toward a gift for her. This suggestion was adopted. LURA WOOD donated \$4.00 to the fund drive.

The rest of the meeting, until ten o'clock was devoted to a discussion of the role of the Communist Party in this area, centered mainly on the past activities in the County, the results obtained and why these results were not any better.

The date set for the next meeting was September 20, 1956, at the KEYLOR home.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 10/11/56 furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE a copy of a letter to all County organizations regarding the California State Communist Party Convention. This letter was furnished to SF 1604-S by CARL RUDE LAMBERT on 10/4/56 at a regional CP meeting held at Lathrop, California. The letter is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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September 28, 1956

TO ALL COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Comrades:

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

The State Committee of California agreed on the calling of the State Convention on January 12th and 13th, 1957, to be held in LOS ANGELES.

This letter is to inform you of the decisions made by our committee with regard to representation, pre-convention discussion and other matters pertaining to the Convention:

1- CP, USA - DISTRICT 13 (100-11889)

cc: [REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)  
[REDACTED]  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
100-30717 (CP LINE)  
100-28718 (CP DOM. ADM. ISSUES)  
61-409 [REDACTED]

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Basis of Representation

1. Representation shall be based on the number of members in good standing (paid through the month of September, 1956).

2. To assure the broadest participation, yet meet considerations of practicality, we agreed that the basis of representation shall be one delegate for every fifteen dues paying members or major fraction thereof.

3. To base the number of alternates on 20% of the number of regular delegates elected by the County or Regional Convention.

- County organizations entitled to 5 delegates or less shall be entitled to at least one alternate.

4. Delegates and alternates to be elected at the County Convention by secret ballot. Nominations for delegates to the State Convention may be made at Division or Section Conventions, not limiting such nominations necessarily only to members in their own sub-divisions.

5. Alternates to be invited to attend the State Convention which will decide whether such alternates will have voice in the Convention.

Pre-Convention discussion and actions:

1. The National draft resolution shall be the major material for pre-convention discussion, and all Clubs, Sections, Divisions and County organizations are expected to act on the resolution in the course of the pre-convention discussion period and at conventions.

2. A National discussion bulletin will be published beginning November 1st, to contain the views of Party members and leaders on the draft resolution.

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3. All additional materials, such as resolutions on specific questions, reports by committees and other discussion materials will be submitted to all Clubs, Sections, Divisions and Counties in advance to be used in the pre-convention discussion.

4. Copies of all Club, Section, Division and County resolutions, proposals and actions taken on the national draft resolution or any other matters before the Party in this period, as well as actions taken by County Conventions to be submitted to the State Convention Committee prior to the State Convention (or as they are acted upon by the respective bodies).

5. The State Committee will set up the following sub-committees to aid in the Convention preparations:

- Resolutions Committee (to receive resolutions and prepare report to Convention)
- Constitution and Structure Committee
- Trade Union Committee (to aid in the preparation or report to the State Convention)
- Negro Committee (to aid in the preparation of report to the State Convention)
- Youth Committee (to aid in the preparation of report to the State Convention)

Agenda of Convention:

1. The Agenda for the State Convention shall be decided upon at the next meeting of the State Committee.

Recess State Convention:

1. It was agreed that the State Convention shall recess to re-convene after the National Convention.

2. This re-convened session of the State Convention shall hear reports on actions taken by the National Convention, act on State By-Laws, resolve the questions of state structure and elect leadership.

SAC, SF (100-11839)

County Conventions:

At this writing the following County Convention dates have been set:

Los Angeles.....December 15th-16th  
San Francisco.....December 8th-9th  
East Bay.....December 1st and 9th

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The date of the NATIONAL CONVENTION is  
February 9th-12th

Cordially regards,

STATE COMPTROLLER

SF 1604-T was thoroughly interviewed by SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/17/56 and could furnish no  
additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)      DATE: 11/2/56  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/1/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 9/28/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held at Stockton, California, on 9/20/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
September 28, 1956

On Monday evening, September 20, 1956, there was a Communist Party meeting at the HOWARD KEYLOR home. Those persons attending the meeting were:

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVAGELINE KEYLOR  
JACK JILBERT

The meeting opened at about 8 p.m. with a report from JACK JILBERT on the People's World Bazaar.

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cc: [REDACTED] SF 1604-S)

100-2950 [REDACTED]

100-31446 [REDACTED]

100-20472 [REDACTED]

97-27 (DPW)

100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

100-11889 (CP USA, DISTRICT 13)

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He reported that he had to stay for the three days as the dill pickles did not seel as fast as was expected, but he had succeeded in selling all of them and had turned in \$64.80 toward San Joaquin County's quota. LULU MAE THOMPSON reported that she had turned in \$34.00 the day she took the pickles down and that she had totaled all the figures, the amount previously reported, what she turned in and the returns from the sale of the pickles and found that the amount reported in the People's World was short about \$8.00. HOWARD KEYLOR said he would contact LURA WOOD and ask her to write to the paper and ask about this point and he would also ask about how much was raised from the sale of the plants which had been turned over to the flower booth at the Bazaar.

August and September dues were collected by LULU MAE THOMPSON from:

	August	September
HOWARD THOMPSON	\$10.00	\$10.00
LULU MAE THOMPSON	.50	.50

LULU MAE THOMPSON read the copy of the Election Draft Statement which was sent out from the State Board and all agreed that it was a fine statement. LULU MAE THOMPSON reported that a tentative date had been set for a meeting in San Francisco on Sunday, September 30th with a member of the State Board, but that the date had not yet been confirmed by RUDIE LAMBERT. HOWARD KEYLOR said he would go if he did not work and the THOMPSONs said they would go down. EVANGELINE KEYLOR said if HOWARD couldn't go and she could get her sister to take care of the children, she would go down.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)      DATE: 11/2/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA - DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/11/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 10/9/56 concerns a joint meeting of San Joaquin and Stanislaus County Communist Parties with CARL RUDE LAMBERT, CP State Board representative to the Northern California valley outlying counties, held at Lathrop, California, on 10/4/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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1- 100-11889

cc: [REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)  
[REDACTED]  
61-409 [REDACTED]  
100-29506 [REDACTED]  
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.)  
100-2884 [REDACTED]  
100-20472 [REDACTED]  
100-32523 [REDACTED]  
100-40329 [REDACTED]  
100-31080 [REDACTED]  
100-30040 [REDACTED]  
100-26165 (CP PAMS AND PUBS)  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
100-27717 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
97-26 [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
October 9, 1956

On Thursday evening, October 4, 1956, RUDIE LAMBERT arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 5:15 p.m. He stated that he was afraid of falling asleep at the wheel, so he had come by bus, getting off at Highway 50 and Louise Ave. He was having supper with the THOMPSONs when HOWARD KEYLOR arrived. KEYLOR said he had to work that night, so he would be unable to stay for the meeting. RUDIE gave him some literature to read. KEYLOR left at about 6:20 p.m.

While visiting with the THOMPSONs, RUDIE remarked that his wife was flying to Los Angeles the next morning, October 5, 1956.

JACK JILBERT arrived for the meeting at about 7:45 p.m. and at about 8:15 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. GURR from Merced arrived and they had HARRIET DAVIS from Empire and LEORA CHASTAINE from Riverbank with them.

RUDIE LAMBERT distributed the following literature:

Letters announcing the State Convention and a Statewide People's World Conference (copies enclosed). The People's World Conference will be held in San Francisco or Los Angeles. He also had for each group a mimeographed copy of FOSTER's reaction to the Draft resolution which will be published in the October issue of Political Affairs, and a "Report to the State Committee--A Preliminary State Review of Work", supposedly by BILL SCHNEIDERMAN.

RUDIE called the meeting to order and read several pages of remarks assembled by the delegates to the last National Committee meeting. He explained they expressed the opinions of FOSTER, DENNIS and GATES on the Draft Resolution and the full context of their statements will appear in the October issue of Political Affairs.

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RUDIE wanted to catch an early bus in Tracy so the meeting was adjourned early, at about 9:45 p.m. and he left with JACK JILBERT.

No date was set for another meeting. LAMBERT stated that a date could be set at the People's World Conference.

LULU MAE THOMPSON turned in \$17.00 dues for August and September to RUDIE LAMBERT, preceding the meeting.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/17/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)      DATE: 11/2/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA - DISTRICT 13  
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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 10/11/56 furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE a copy of a letter to all California CP clubs regarding a People's World Conference to be held on October 27, 1956. This letter was furnished to SF 1604-S by CARL RUDE LAMBERT at a regional CP meeting held in La Jolla, California, on 10/4/56. The letter is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

October 1, 1956

TO ALL CALIFORNIA CLUBS

Dear Friends:

This is to inform you that a coast-wise PEOPLE'S WORLD CONFERENCE is to be held

OCTOBER 27th , 1956

1- CP, USA - DISTRICT 13 (100-11889)

cc: [REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)  
[REDACTED]  
61-409 [REDACTED]  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)

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SAC, SF (100-11889)

SAN FRANCISCO

Your Club is requested to elect a delegate to this Conference which will be the most representative press conference to be called together since the birth of the DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD.

The purpose of the Conference will be to review and estimate the present status of the paper's political and financial problems with the aim of arriving at the most responsible and realistic conclusions regarding the future perspective of the paper.

A special report is being prepared to be presneted to the Conference. It will incorporate all facts and data required by the conferrees. A sub-committee is now at work looking into certain facts with regard to circulation, costs and future financing.

As you know, the paper faces the most serious financial situation in its nineteen year life. The future existence of the PEOPLE'S WORLD actually depends on the successful completion of the present financial drive whether it continues as a daily or a weekly. The financial obligations of the paper are so pressing as to require it's reaching the goal of \$150,000. without fail.

Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly clear that the vast majority of the paper's supporters strongly concur in the conviction that regardless of the outcome of the discussions, and debates regarding the future perspective of our organization, to face the future without a voice for the progressive movement on the Pacific Coast is unthinkable and that all efforts must be made to keep the paper alive.

We urge that your Club discuss this question. Your vote for the continued existence of the PEOPLE'S WORLD can best be registered by completing your quota

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in the financial drive and having your delegate come to the conference armed with your determination to keep the PEOPLE'S WORLD in the fight.

The fact that we will have gathered together representatives from all Clubs thruout the State will guarantee that the decisions of the Conference will express the will and judgement of our organization in the most democratic way possible.

Sincerely yours,

STATE COMMITTEE

P.S. You will be notified of the time and place of the Conference by your Section officers. The conference is to be an all-day meeting.

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/17/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

Sac, San Francisco (100-21286)

November 15, 1956

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE (11)

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 1, 1956 by San Francisco 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated October 31, 1956, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held in Stockton, California on October 25, 1956. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
October 31, 1956

"On Thursday evening, October 25, 1956, there was a meeting of the Communist Party at the Howard Keylor home and those persons present were:

"Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
"Jack Jilbert

"Lulu Mae Thompson collected dues from Jack Jilbert for October, November and December at 15¢ a month, or 45¢ and 50¢ for the special convention assessment levied by the National Committee.

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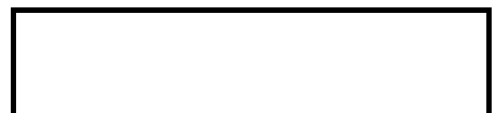
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1 - 100-31446 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-20472 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
1 - 97-27 (PW)  
1 - 100-32136 [REDACTED]

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"Announcement was read of a special conference on the People's World to be held in San Francisco on Sunday, October 28, 1956 at 321 Divisadero Street. Howard Keylor said he would be working, Evangeline Keylor had precinct work to do for the Democratic Party and Jack Jilbert said he would be in Sacramento. The Thompsons said they would be able to attend and would represent the Club. Howard Keylor said enough money had been pledged to complete San Joaquin County's quota and told Evangeline Keylor to have Larry Kilmer collect it befor Saturday PM or Sunday AM and get it to the Thompsons to turn in at the conference.

"The Club decided they would like to see the People's World retained as a daily and approved of the changes made in the makeup of the paper.

"Date set for the next meeting was November 8, 1956 and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

"/s/

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San Francisco 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 1, 1956 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

Sac, San Francisco (97-27)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE (11)

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San Francisco 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 19, 1956 furnished a copy of a letter from the CP State Secretary, LOUISE TODD LAMBERT, to the secretary of the San Joaquin County CP. This letter, dated October 10, 1956, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"October 10, 1956

"Dear Friend:

"We have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the People's World conference will have to be held in two regional sessions. This change is necessitated by the high travel expenses involved for the majority of delegates, a fact which threatened to limit the attendance at the Conference.

"We now propose that the southern area conference be held in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 27th; and the the northern area conference be held in San Francisco on Sunday, October 28th.

"This arrangement will permit for the exchange of representative delegates from each conference to the other to report on and help co-ordinate the actions of both sessions.

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1 - 97-27(DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD)  
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1 - 100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.)  
1 - 100-11839 (CP, USA, DISTRICT 13)  
1 - 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
1 - 100-2384 [REDACTED]  
1 - 61-409 [REDACTED]

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"We understand that the People's World will in the coming weeks continue to inform its readers on the status of the financial drive, the over-all financial problems of the paper, and when ready with the factual material, comparative costs of daily or weekly publication.

"We also wish to take this opportunity to once more urge that all efforts toward reaching your goal in the financial drive be strengthened. County organizations which are close to reaching 100% should especially aim to conclude by the date of the conference, and in those areas where more time is needed, estimates should be made as to when you can complete your quota, so your delegates can report to the conference.

"Final information as to the time and place of the conference will be given to subsequently.

"Regards,

"State Secr."

San Francisco 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 1, 1956 that CARL RUDE LAMBERT, CP State Committee representative to the Northern California outlying counties, advised him in October 1956 that the proposed DPW State meeting was restricted to CP members only.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that [redacted]

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dated [redacted]

ACTION: File

Sac, San Francisco (100-11889)

November 15, 1956

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE (11)

CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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San Francisco 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 19, 1956 furnished a copy of a letter from the CP State Org. Comm. to the secretary of the San Joaquin County CP. This letter, dated October 10, 1956, concerns a special dues assessment for the National CP Convention. The letter is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

"October 10, 1956

"TO ALL COUNTIES

"Dear Friends:

"CONVENTION ASSESSMENT

"The NC decided on a Convention Assessment which is to be collected now in the course of the dues control. Representation at conventions will be based on membership in good standing and status of convention assessment.

"The assessment is \$2.00 for employed and 50¢ for housewives and unemployed members.

"The entire sum is to be turned over to the State Dues Secretary for transmission to the center.

"Regards,  
"State Org. Comm."

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1 - 100-11889 (CP, USA, DISTRICT 13)  
[REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)

1 - 100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
1 - 97-27 (PW)  
1 - 100-25085 (CP FILMS)  
1 - 100-2884 [REDACTED]  
1 - 61-409 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

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San Francisco 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 1, 1956 that the special assessment collected from the members of the San Joaquin County CP was turned over to CARL RUDE LAMBERT, CP State Committee representative to Northern California outlying counties, in San Francisco, California on October 28, 1956 by LULU MAE THOMPSON, Secretary of the San Joaquin County CP.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that [redacted]

ACTION: File

Sac, San Francisco (100-21286)

November 15, 1956

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE (11)

CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on October 19, 1956 by San Francisco 1604-S, who had furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated October 18, 1956, concerns a meeting of the Communist Party in San Joaquin County which was held in Stockton, California on October 8, 1956. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
October 18, 1956

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the Howard Keylor home on Monday evening, October 8, 1956 and those persons present were:

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
"Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
"Jack Jilbert

"Howard Keylor, the Club Chairman, opened the meeting at about 8:00 PM. He announced that Lura Wood had moved to Las Vegas for a while, but she wants to be kept on the Club membership roll in an inactive capacity. He turned over \$1.00 to Lulu Mae Thompson as her dues for September and October. Evangeline said she also had money for Lura's subscription to the People's World.

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1 - 100-21286 (CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
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1 - 100-29506 [redacted]  
1 - 100-31446 [redacted]  
1 - 100-20472 [redacted]  
1 - 100-25085 (CP BONDS)  
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"The next item on the agenda was the reading of a letter from the State concerning a state-wide meeting of Communist Party members only on the People's World. The conference will be held either in San Francisco or Los Angeles on October 27, 1956. The Club decided that it was useless to elect a delegate, but that whoever could would go on that date. A check-up was made on funds turned in to the People's World Fund Drive and it was found that the Club had not received full credit. Howard Keylor said he would write to the paper to straighten it out.

"The letter of instruction from the State Committee on what must be done prior to the National Convention was read and there was some preliminary discussion of the Draft Resolution.

"The date for the next meeting was set for Monday evening, October 22, 1956 at the Keylor home.

"The meeting adjourned at about 9:45 PM.

"/s/

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"The enclosed are copies of two letters received by Lulu Mae Thompson on October 11, 1956."

San Francisco 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on October 29, 1956 and could furnish no additional information. Separate memos have been written describing and setting out letters from the State Committee received with this report.

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SAC, SF (100-42529)

11-21-56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

GEORGE UPDIKE  
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Re memo SA HARRY W. DEGGERT, dated 9-5-56.

This case was based on information received from [redacted]  
on [redacted] which reflected that GEORGE UPDIKE, Stockton,  
California, had made a \$100 loan to the DPW. .

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
[redacted] CP activity  
in San Joaquin County, California, orally advised SA SAVAGE on  
[redacted] that [redacted]  
[redacted] GEORGE UPDIKE.

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SF-1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
and is thoroughly familiar with all phases of activity in San  
Joaquin County, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11-18-56  
that the name GEORGE UPDIKE has not, to his knowledge, been  
mentioned in connection with the CP or DPW in San Joaquin County.

A check of the Stockton City Directories from 1945 through 1955  
failed to disclose any record of GEORGE UPDIKE.

The records of the Stockton Credit Bureau and the San Joaquin  
County SO, Identification Bureau, were checked by SA ROBERT F.  
SAVAGE and no record for the Subject was located. This check  
was made on 11-14-56.

The Voters Register for San Joaquin County was examined by SA  
SAVAGE on 11-16-56 and no record of Subject located.

In view of the above, it is reasonable to assume that the name  
GEORGE UPDIKE is a fictitious name used by the DPW officials  
in San Francisco. Therefore, it is recommended that this case  
be closed.

cc 100-42529

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cc 100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin Co.)  
cc 97-27 (DPW)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)

DATE: 1/10/57

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/30/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 11/29/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held in Stockton, California, on 11/27/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
November 29, 1956

There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Tuesday evening, November 27, 1956, and those present were:

1- 100-21286

cc: [REDACTED] SF 1604-S)

100-29506 [REDACTED]  
100-31446 [REDACTED]  
100-32136 [REDACTED]  
97-27 (DPW) [REDACTED]  
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100-26546 (CP EDUCATION)

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HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

HOWARD KEYLOR stated that LARRY KILMER had been at their house earlier, but that he had refused to stay to the meeting. He also remarked during the evening that the FBI was questioning the subscribers to the People's World. They visited OSSIE HARREL and his wife and also MARY CHRISTMAS EASTER.

The meeting was devoted to the discussion of the Draft Resolution, but the time ran out before the discussion was completed and KEYLOR asked that the members continue the study and perhaps the discussion could be completed at the County Convention meeting which will be held at the THOMPSON home on December 6, 1956.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly questioned by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.



SAC, SF (100-21286)

1/10/57

SA ROBERT P. SAVOL

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT P. SAVOL on 11/30/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 11/29/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held in Stockton, California, on 11/19/56. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
November 29, 1956

On Monday evening, November 19, 1956, there was a meeting of the Communist Party at the HOWARD KEYLOR home and those attending were:

HOWARD and LULU ANN THOMPSON  
HOWARD KEYLOR  
LARRY KILMER

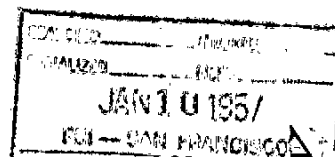
KILMER is still on the inactive member's list but was present at this meeting because RUDIE LAMBERT had suggested to the club that LARRY be included in their discussion of the Draft Resolution. This is in preparation for the County, State and National Conventions.

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cc: [REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)  
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100-29506 [REDACTED]  
100-32136 [REDACTED]  
61-109 [REDACTED]  
100-26545 (CP EDUCATION)

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The whole evening was spent in these discussions and then a date was set for the next meeting, when the discussions will be continued. The next meeting is to be held on November 27, 1956.

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SF 1004-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-4939)

1/17/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

PAUL BARNETCH

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Re memo SA THOMAS J. PADDEN, dated 11/30/56.

The records of the Stockton Credit Bureau were examined by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/12/56 and reflected that the Subject, PAUL H. BARNETCH, resides at 1931 East Sonora, Stockton, California. He is employed as an accountant at the Stockton Box Company. He was formerly employed by Dixon and Platek at 1604 East Harding, Stockton, California, as an accountant, from 1950 to 1952. He is single and lives with his parents, BEN and MARY BARNETCH, at 1931 East Sonora. He formerly resided at 2285 East Washington Street in Stockton. His age is listed as 27 in 1956. He was formerly employed as an accountant by the Eagle Freight Lines in Stockton, and in 1947 by Stephens Trucking Company as a bookkeeper in Stockton, California.

The records of the Identification Bureau of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office were examined by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/10/57 and these records did not contain a record for the Subject or his parents.

Mr. HAROLD E. RILEY, Manager of the Crispie Potato Chip Company, East Freemont Street, Stockton, advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/10/57 that the Subject was employed by him as an accountant from 11/1/54 to April, 1955, at which time he released the Subject because the Subject was emotionally unstable. The records of this firm reflect that the Subject was born on [redacted] at Stockton, California. His nationality is listed as American, and as a Basque. He finished the 12th grade in school and took correspondence courses from the University of California and from La Salle in accounting. His bank is listed as the Union Safe Deposit Company in Stockton, California. Subject lists references as CHESTER BALBI, 420 North A Street, Stockton, California,

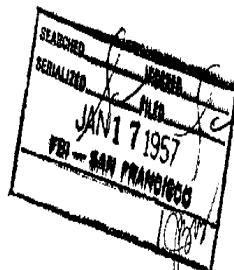
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and GEORGE POEHNER, City of Stockton. Subject lists his religion as Student of Philosophy and father and mother's religion as Catholic.

Mr. HAROLD E. RILEY advised on 1/10/57 that the Subject was very unstable and that if something upset him in the office he would cry. He stated that the Subject is such an unstable individual that he had to release him. He further advised that the Subject's work as an accountant was brilliant. He stated that at one time the Subject advised him that his only interests were finance, philosophy and history and that if he did not have to work he would just read on these three subjects.

The records of Local Draft Board 33 were examined by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/10/57 and these records disclosed Selective Service file number 3-33-28-569 concerning the Subject, which disclosed his address to be 1931 East Sonora Street, Stockton, California. These records also contained an additional address of 310 West Virginia, San Jose, California, in 1953. Subject has Social Security Number [REDACTED]. On 8/1/52 the Subject was rejected for induction by the U. S. Army as sub-standard physically (psychiatric). He was classified 4-E, psycho-neurotic disorder. The file further reflects that the San Francisco A.F.E.S. has on file a psychiatric consultation (A.F.Q.T-2-78-II). His description is listed as height, 5'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight, 123 pounds; hair, black; eyes, brown; build, slender.

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Also contained in this file was an application to the local draft board to consider this individual as a conscientious objector inasmuch as he was a member and believer in the Christian Science faith.



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In view of the Subject's great emotional instability plus the fact that the Subject has resided in and around Stockton, California during all of his life, and that he has not been connected with CP activities, no further action is being taken in this matter.

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CP CONVENTIONS

REMEMO Supervisor HARRY F. CLIFFORD, 1/8/57.

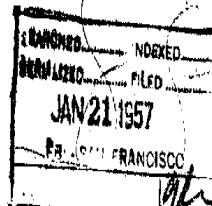
1. San Joaquin County Communist Party.
2. Eight members.
3. HOWARD KEYLOR - delegate to State Convention  
HOWARD THOMPSON - alternate delegate to State Convention
4. Only discussion so far on National Committee Draft Resolution.
5. None.
6. Local members are still waiting for the correct line to come down to them.
7. CP officers will remain the same. HOWARD KEYLOR - chairman. HOWARD THOMPSON - delegate to regional meetings. LULA MAE THOMPSON - secretary.
8. The San Joaquin County CP passed two resolutions which HOWARD KEYLOR will present at the State Convention. One states that State officials should give more consideration to local conditions before assigning work to Clubs, because some areas will respond better to some projects than others without leading to red baiting and some clubs are too small to be able to work on all projects. The second resolution referred to State and National Committees and set up the standard that at least 50% of the members of all committees should be active trade union members, not members who have been out of active contact with the unions for many years, which is the present situation.

(source: SF 1604-S to RFS on 1/18/57)

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cc:

100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
[redacted] (SF 1604-S) ✓



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SAC, SF (100-21286)

1/18/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES - SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/13/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 12/11/56, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP, for the purpose of holding its County Convention, held at Stockton, California, on December 6, 1956.

The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
December 11, 1956

On Thursday evening, December 6, 1956, HOWARD THOMPSON received a call from AL RICHMOND at 6:30 p.m. RICHMOND stated that he was in Tracy and would have to wait another half hour for a bus that would bring him to Louise Avenue and the Thompson home. HOWARD THOMPSON left immediately to pick him up and when they arrived back at the THOMPSON home LULU MAE THOMPSON had prepared dinner for RICHMOND.

HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR arrived just before 8 p.m. and when no one else had arrived for the meeting at a few minutes past eight, HOWARD KEYLOR called the meeting to order and stated that since this was not a regular meeting, but a County Convention, he felt that a Chairman should be elected for the evening. THOMPSON remarked that he thought there was no need to change the Chairman and the rest agreed so KEYLOR conducted the convention.

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cc: [REDACTED]

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The main part of the meeting was taken up with a summary of the previous discussions on the Draft Resolution, for the benefit of AL RICHMOND. This was followed by the election of delegates. RICHMOND counted the votes and HOWARD KAYLOR was elected as the delegate and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON were tied for alternate. LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that she would withdraw in favor of HOWARD and this was accepted.

There was no statement or discussion of the Hungarian situation at any time during the evening.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/19/56 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.



SAC, SF (100-42604)

1/28/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

ALBERT ELLIS RADINSKY  
wa. Albert Ellis  
SM-6

Mr. GEORGE HUMPHREYS, 7412 Larkspur Lane, Stockton, Calif., was contacted on 12/19/56 and on 1/2/57 at which time HUMPHREYS advised that he could furnish no additional information regarding this Subject.

Mrs. EDITH SNYDER, Stockton Credit Bureau, advised on 12/19/56 that the records of this credit bureau contain no file for the Subject.

The files of the Identification Bureau of the San Joaquin Co. SO were examined on 12/19/56 and found to contain no record for the Subject. These files also contained records of the Stockton PD.

The SFPD Bureau of Identification files were searched by Technician PETER LEO CURTIS, on 1/18/57 and no record for the Subject was located.

The records of the SF Retailers Credit Association were searched on 1/18/57 by Mr. FRANK J. MC AULAY, Supervisor of Files, and the following information regarding the Subject was furnished:

Report prepared for Denver, Colorado dated 8/8/49 reflects that the Subject is the owner of several large properties in SF, Calif., and that he at one time owned a business known as the Bell Haven Realty at San Mateo, Calif. Subject's wife is listed as HENRIETTA DENBY. This file indicates that the Subject was divorced on 6/24/40 from HENRIETTA DENBY and it is not clear if a reconciliation has taken place.

On 12/17/44, the Subject was reported to this Office as illegally wearing the uniform of the U.S. Navy in and around the Hotel Devonshire, 35 Stockton St., SF.

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On 1/17/45, SA ADRIAN B. CLARK interviewed Subject at his home, 3145 Jackson St., and the Subject exhibited to SA CLARK discharge orders dated 12/17/44 executed and endorsed on 12/20/44 to be effective 12/27/44. These orders were indicated as medical discharge signed by F. W. COLMAN, Chief Pharmacist, United States Navy and by R. W. CARPENTER, Commander 12th Naval District. This discharge listed as the Subject's legal residence Denver, Colorado. It further indicated that he had enlisted at Denver, Colorado, 6/7/42.

On 12/19/44, SA CLARK telephonically contacted Chief Pharmacist Mate MELVIN COMSTOCK, Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland, Calif., who advised that the Subject, who gave his address as 3145 Jackson Street, San Francisco, was released from active service by honorable discharge on 12/20/44. COMSTOCK indicated that the Subject had been a patient at that hospital immediately prior to his discharge.

In an effort to ascertain the Subject's former Navy Serial Number, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital was contacted on 1/16/57 and no record of the Subject was located.

Lt. JOHNSON, USNR, 12th ND, advised on 1/16/57 that she could not locate a record of the Subject in the Reserve Officers Register.

Mrs. HERMAN CAMPOS, 742 1/2 Larkspur Lane, Stockton, Calif., on 1/21/57 advised that the Subject and his wife, HENRIETTA, are presently in Denver, Colorado, on business.

SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and is directly familiar with CP activities in San Joaquin Co., Calif., advised on 1/2/57 that the Subject is not known to him.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-31355)      DATE: 1/18/57

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: DAVE FORBES  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/13/56 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report dated 12/11/56 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
December 11, 1956

DAVE and GRACE FORBES of Berkeley stopped at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 1956.

They stated that they had been in to see the HOWARD KEYLORS and were going down to Modesto to see MAY MURRAY when they left the THOMPSONS and the purpose of their trip was to line up items for the Christmas Bazaar which is being given jointly by the California Labor School and the People's World. They had been contacted by Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS and they were making the trip at his request.

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cc [REDACTED]

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LULU MAE THOMPSON gave them some padded coat hangers which she had made and promised to make ten pair of hand crocheted earrings which she would mail to GRACE FORBES to deliver to the sale.

The FORBES left at about 2:45 p.m.

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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/19/56 that HOWARD KEYLOR is the chairman of the San Joaquin County CP, HOWARD THOMPSON is the San Joaquin County CP regional delegate and that LILLIAN MAE MURRY is one of the leaders of the CP in Stanislaus County.

Informant could not furnish any additional information.

RECOMMEN DATION: For information.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

2/5/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP, USA, DISTRICT 13

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/18/57, by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/17/57, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 17, 1957

"On Monday evening, January 7, 1957, DEL BERG of the Stanislaus County Club of the Communist Party arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 5:45PM.

"He joined the THOMPSONS at dinner and stated he had come over to see if the THOMPSONS had received any message concerning the State Convention. He said they had received no information as to location or time. He stated that he had been elected the delegate and 'Robbie' had been chosed as alternate. He questioned as to how many delegates each club was allowed and said Stanislaus County has eleven members in its club. LULU MAE THOMPSON looked up the delegate representation and it is one for first fifteen members, and one alternate.

"BERG left at about 6:45PM and said he would keep in touch with the THOMPSONS about the convention."

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/25/57 that DELMER BERG and COLE ROBERTSON (ROBBIE) were the delegates from the Stanislaus County Communist Party to the CP State Convention held in Los Angeles, California on 1/19,20/57. Informant further advised that HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON are officials of the San Joaquin County CP.

ACTION: File.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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Date: 2/5/57

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/18/57, by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/17/57, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 17, 1957

"DEL BERG visited the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening, January 15, 1957, arriving at about 5:40PM. The THOMPSONS were just having dinner so he sat down with them. He said he had received the information on where the State Convention of the Communist Party will be held, but he did not say how or from whom it had been received.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON copied the information for HOWARD THOMPSON and it was as follows:

"10:00AM Saturday (That is January 19, 1957)  
607 South Western  
Los Angeles

"Anyone arriving Friday and wanting a place to stay is to go to 323 S. Western or telephone ALTA REED at Plymouth 5-6307.

"BERG said he thought he and ROBBIE would drive down and asked HOWARD THOMPSON to have HOWARD KEYLOR call PHIL DAVIS and leave a message for him if he is going by car. HOWARD THOMPSON stated he would make the trip by bus and expects to leave Stockton at 10:10PM on Friday.

"BERG left at about 7:10PM."

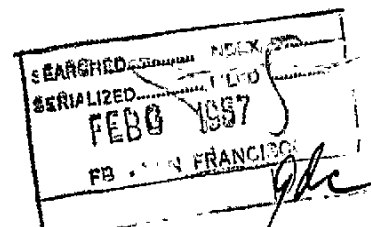
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100-26388 (CP Stanislaus Co.)

lcc: Los Angeles (Alta Reed) (REGISTERED)  
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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/25/57 that DELMER BERG, COLE ROBERTSON (ROBBIE) and PHIL DAVIS are all officials in the Stanislaus County Communist Party. Informant further advised that the THOMPSONS are officials in the San Joaquin County CP. Informant is not acquainted with ALTA REED.

ACTION: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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Date: 2/6/57

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/18/57, by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/17/57, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held in Stockton, California, on 1/15/57. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 17, 1957

"A meeting of the San Joaquin County Club of the Communist Party was held at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Tuesday evening, January 15, 1957 and the following persons were present:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
JACK JILBERT

"LULU MAE THOMPSON announced at the opening of the meeting that the Club dues were paid up to the first of the year except for the KEYLOR's and LURA WALTER's who all owed for November. This was due to the fact that the only meeting held in December was the County Convention and when KEYLOR had come to the house to pay up, the THOMPSON's had company and LULU MAE THOMPSON was unable to look up the records, so he had payed for December only. KEYLOR then payed for he and EVANGELINE and for LURA WALTER. JACK JILBERT payed \$ .45 which, at 15¢ a month, payed his dues for January, February, and March.

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(SF 1604-S)

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100-31446  
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100-11889 (CP, USA, Dist. 13)  
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"The main part of the meeting was taken up by discussion of plans for attending the State Convention of the Communist Party. EVANGELINE KEYLOR reported that she had been out on Saturday and when she returned her sister told her RUDIE LAMBERT had been there and left a note with the addresses for the State Convention. He called on the phone later and verified the information.

"HOWARD THOMPSON said he would take the bus down and HOWARD KEYLOR said he might drive or he might fly down and take the bus back or he would take the bus both ways. It would depend on his work.

"HOWARD KEYLOR will present a couple of Resolutions to the Convention which were adopted by the San Joaquin County Club. One stated that, in planning future work for the Clubs, consideration should be given to several factors, such as size of membership, locality (some projects being more acceptable in some areas than in others) so as not to lead to red baiting and isolation. The second concerned the 'make-up' of State and National Committees. It stated that, at the present time, most committees are made up of members who have been out of active participation in the labor movement for many years, though they may still be union members. This resolution states that, in the future, at least 50% of the members of all committees shall be drawn from active trade union members.

"HOWARD KEYLOR reported on the activities of the United Democrats Club, and stated that he had been re-elected to the executive board.

"During the evening, LARRY KILMER and JACK RODIN came to the KEYLOR HOME, and HOWARD KEYLOR went outside and talked to them for about 10 minutes.

"The meeting adjourned at 10:00PM."

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/25/57 that LURA WALTER, presently living in Las Vegas, Nevada, is carried as a member of the San Joaquin County Communist Party. Informant further advised that HOWARD KEYLOR is the Chairman of the San Joaquin County CP.

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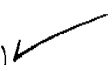
CARL RUDE LAMBERT

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/11/57 that subject visited officials of the San Joaquin County CP at Stockton, California on 2/10/57.

LAMBERT advised that DELMER BEAG, CP delegate from Stanislaus County to the National CP Convention, should get together with the CP members in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties and report to them on the National convention of the CP. LAMBERT further advised that the CP State convention to be held in March of 1957 will probably be held in San Francisco, Calif.

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cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-C)   
100-27988 [redacted]  
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
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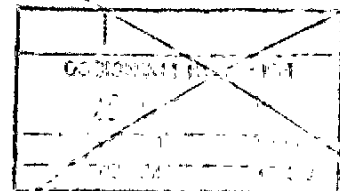
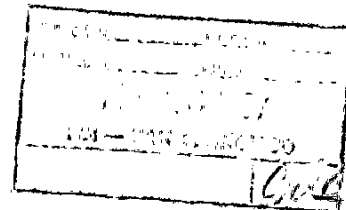
SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/19/57 that he is not acquainted with the PSI and that he has never heard the PSI's name mentioned in connection with the Communist Party in San Joaquin County, Calif.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-27348)

2/28/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

BERNARD DE VETO

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/29/57, that BERNARD DE VETO and HOWARD THOMPSON, CP official in San Joaquin County, are to drive to Los Angeles, California, together to attend the CP state convention to be held in 3/57, if the state convention is held in Los Angeles.

SF 1604-S further advised on 1/29/57, that subject represented Butte, Yuba and Sutter Counties at the state CP convention in Los Angeles on 1/19-20/57.

The informant further advised Sacramento County was not represented at the state convention on 1/19-20/57.

7) San Francisco (100-27348)

[redacted] SF 1604-S)

(100-11889 - CP, USA, District 13)

(100-21287 - CP, Butte County)

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ALBERT ELLIS RADINSKY, was.

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HENRIETTA DENBY RADINSKY, wa.

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Reference is made to Denver letter to San Francisco setting out background information on the Subjects. Information furnished by Denver fails to indicate that either of the Subjects is affiliated with the Communist Party.

SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/15/57 that neither of the Subjects is known to the CP in San Joaquin County, California.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that [redacted]

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Inasmuch as these Subject have been identified and no information has been received reflecting any connection between them and the CP, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively.

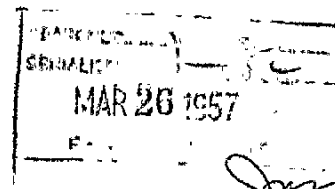
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SAC, San Francisco (100-42752)

JERRY KAPLAN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the  
past, on [redacted] advised that LOUISE TOND LAMBERT [redacted]

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Special Agent ROBERT F. SAVAGE on March 18, 1957 that the above transfer was furnished by LOUISE TOND LAMBERT to representatives of the Stockton, San Joaquin County, California, CP, at the CP State Convention held at San Francisco, California, on March 16, 17, 1957. Informant further advised that the Subject is to be contacted by the San Joaquin County CP.

The records of the Stockton Credit Bureau at Stockton, California, were examined on February 25, 1957. These records reflect that LAWRENCE E. CHAPIN, wife GLADYS, resides at 1245 Viator Avenue, Stockton. There is no record for LAWRENCE CHAPIN or his wife GLADYS in the files of the San Francisco Office. There is no identifiable information concerning the Subject in the files of the San Francisco Office.

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4/10/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 2/26/57. This report, dated 2/18/57, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 18, 1957

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the Howard Keylor home on Friday evening, February 1, 1957. Those persons attending were:

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
Jack Jilbert

"Most of the meeting was taken up with the report on the State Convention of the Communist Party which was held in Los Angeles on January 19th and 20th. The report was made by the delegate, Howard Keylor. The alternate, Howard Thompson added a few points.

"Lulu Mae Thompson read a letter she had received from the People's World which asked that the Club give immediate attention to the need of the paper for new subscriptions. The names of the subscribers who were due to renew were read by Howard Keylor and each member took some to contact. Evangeline Keylor and Lulu Mae Thompson made arrangements to go out together.

1 - San Francisco (100-21286)

ccs: [redacted]

SF 1604-S)

- 1 - SF 100-11889 (CP, USA, DISTRICT 13)
- 1 - SF 100-29506 [redacted]
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"Date for the next meeting was set for Thursday evening, February 21st at the Keylor's.

/s/

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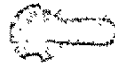
SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/14/57 that HOWARD KEYLOR is chairman of the San Joaquin County CP. Informant further advised that HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD THOMPSON from the San Joaquin County CP, attended the State CP convention in Los Angeles on 1/19,20/57.

ACTION: File.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-27348) DATE: 4/11/57  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: BERNARD DE VETO  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/26/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/18/57, is set out verbatim and the original is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 18, 1957

"On Saturday morning, February 9, 1957, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson left home at about 7:20 AM. They had made arrangements to meet Barney Deveto in Roseville to attend the auction held there on Saturdays.

"They stopped in Sacramento at the Art Gorins to leave some jelly glasses for Marie to use for the People's World Bazaar. Marie was not home, but the Thompsons had coffee with Art and Marie's aunt who was staying there.

"During the time the Thompsons were with

1 - San Francisco (100-27348)

ccs: [REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)

1 - SF 100-31414 (CP, YUBA COUNTY)  
1 - SF 100-17989 (CP, SACRAMENTO COUNTY)  
1 - SF 100-31412 (CP, PLACER COUNTY)  
1 - SF 100-21286 (CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
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Barney, there was no opportunity to discuss the  
the Party because of the crowd at the auction.

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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/15/57 that BERNARD DE VETO represented the Marysville CP group at the State CP convention held at Los Angeles, California on 1/19,20/57. Informant further advised that MARIE GORIN is the nominal head of the Sacramento CP. According to the informant, the THOMPSONs are leaders in the San Joaquin County CP.

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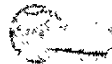
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 4/11/57  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/26/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/18/57, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 18, 1957.

"Rudie Lambert dropped in at the Thompson home on Thursday evening, February 14, 1957. The Thompsons had just finished their supper, but the table had not been cleared, so Rudie sat down and had his supper.

"He stated that he had been up in Butte County and Sacramento trying to build up enthusiasm for the People's World subscription drive, but he hadn't had much luck. He said they were not having a meeting in Sacramento until March 8, 1957. He was glad to hear that Stockton had met and were going ahead with plans to help the paper.

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- 1 - SF 61-409 [redacted]
- 1 - SF 100-212877 (CP, BUTTE COUNTY)
- 1 - SF 100-17989 (CP, SACRAMENTO COUNTY)
- 1 - SF 97-27 (DPW)
- 1 - SF 100-27988 [redacted]
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"He said that Del Berg of Modesto had been able to attend the National Convention in New York and suggested that San Joaquin County ask him to attend their meeting on February 21st to make a report on the Convention.

"He reported that the next session of the State Convention will be held in San Francisco or Oakland and he told Lulu Mae Thompson that it would be alright for her to come with Howard, but it would be best if others did not come.

"Lulu Mae Thompson turned over the State's portion of tthe dues for San Joaquin County for October, November and December to him and also the Southern Solidarity fund of \$13.47.

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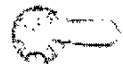
SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/8/57 that CARL RUDIE LAMBERT is the CP State Committee representative to the Northern California outlying counties. Informant further advised that DELMER BERG attended the CP National Convention in New York City in February, 1957. SF 1604-S further advised that the State convention referred to as being held in San Francisco or Oakland is the CP State Convention.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 4/11/57  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/4/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/28/57, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 28, 1957

"On Thursday evening, February 21, 1957, Delmer Berg arrived at the Howard Thompson home at about 6:30 PM. The Thompson's had invited him to dinner, after which they were to go to the Howard Keylor's for a meeting of the Communist Party.

"After dinner at about 7:30 PM, Jack Jilbert arrived at the Thompson's and they all left to go to Keylor's for the meeting. Keylor opened the meeting at about 8:10 PM with the following persons present:

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson

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Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
Jack Jilbert  
Delmer Berg (Modesto)

"Keylor stated that he felt the most important thing concerning the Club was to hear Berg's report on the National Convention of the Communist Party, and, since there were no objections, the meeting was turned over to Berg and he gave a report which was not based so much on the action taken but on the attitudes of the delegates. He stated that neither the extreme right nor the extreme left forces could get the support of the majority of the delegates and so the legislation passed took a "middle of the road" course. Since this was his first report, he had not organized his material so that a complete report on the legislation could be made. He suggested that he would like to have an open meeting after the State Convention to which enough people who were sympathetic to the Communist Party could be invited so that it would not be obvious who were Party members, so everybody could be acquainted with the action taken at the Conventions.

"Another meeting date was not set.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/21/57 that the above meeting was a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held in Stockton, California on 2/21/57. Informant further advised that DELMER BERG is chairman of the Stanislaus County CP, and that BERG's report was so poor that little information of value was furnished by BERG regarding the National CP convention in New York City.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP, USA, DISTRICT 13

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/4/57 that a regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party was held at the home of HOWARD THOMPSON, Latrop, California, on 4/3/57.

SF 1604-S advised that the following members of the San Joaquin Co. CP were present:

HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULA MAE THOMPSON  
IRVING JOHN JILBERT

SF 1604-S further advised that an election for delegates to the CP State convention on April 13, 1957 was held. HOWARD THOMPSON was elected as the delegate and LULA MAE THOMPSON as the alternate delegate. HOWARD KEYLOR had previously been the delegate and HOWARD THOMPSON was the alternate delegate.

SF 1604-S advised that the State Committee representative to the Valley counties will be elected at the meeting on 4/13/57 as well as delegates and alternates to the National Committee.

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STATE CIO ON POLICY QUESTIONS

(prepared by William Schneiderman on behalf of the State Committee For State Convention, January 19 and 20, 1957.)

The National Committee Draft Resolution has pointed out that we made an erroneous estimate of the war danger, of the fascist danger, and of prospects for an economic crisis, and that these errors led to a whole series of tactical errors in various fields of Party policy and its mass work. This was reflected in our trade union work, political action, Negro work, and in our fight for peace, and in numerous other questions.

I. Trade Union Work

At the beginning of the cold war, the alliance of the Left and center forces in the CIO was put under an ever increasing strain. The support of the Murray forces to the aggressively imperialist policies of the State Dept., and the opposition of the Left forces to those policies, brought about an inevitable clash. This growing conflict within the coalition created problems in California even greater than elsewhere. In California, the situation was unique because the Left forces were in the top leadership of important unions, held secondary positions of leadership in others, and were consequently in key posts of leadership of CIO state and local councils. There was, therefore, in addition to the conflict between the leadership of individual unions and the CIO national leadership, a conflict between the CIO state and local councils and the CIO national leadership.

In assessing whether the breakup of the Left-center coalition could have been avoided, we should carefully differentiate tactical questions from questions of principle. Some argue the split was inevitable, and that it could not have been avoided without giving up the fight against the war danger. Without attempting to speculate whether the Left could have avoided the split or not, the fact is that it should not have forced the issue to a split on the Marshall Plan and a third party (which will be discussed later). The position of some Left leaders did not fully reflect the level of thinking of their membership on these questions, even in the most progressive unions. This was even more true of the CIO Council leaders, which represented a large number of unions including right-led unions of a more conservative character.

The Left forces should not have forced the foreign-policy issues to the fore, in the way they did, either in individual unions, councils or in CIO conventions. It would have been far better to center the fight on the right of autonomy for international unions to determine their own policy, as some Left leaders did. Our State Board, tho it went along with general national policy, concurred in this viewpoint at the time of the expulsions, but it was not accepted nationally.

Not only would such a policy have at least minimized the effects of the split, but it would have lessened the chances of the split being carried further into individual unions, and undermining the positions of Left leaders in those unions. (As a result of stressing the autonomy issue, the ILWU leaders were in a comparatively better situation in their union than existed in other unions, altho there were other factors contributing to this).

In CIO Councils, and in right-led unions like Auto and Steel, the left forces should have striven at nearly any cost to maintain an alliance with the center forces in these unions, even in the face of a national split.

While we did not challenge the main national policies, in practice an attempt was made to be more flexible in applying them in CIO Councils. As a result, our national leadership (March, 1948, P.A.) criticized the fact that in a state CIO convention, Left trade unionists did not try to get the convention to adopt a position on foreign policy and on the third party, and characterized this as the hangovers of Browderism.

The most serious results of carrying out these policies was evident in the MCS where the leadership went the furthest in presenting and fighting for an advanced position on peace and foreign policy questions. While it appeared on the surface that the leadership had the support of the membership on these questions, actually it represented a leftist line, rigidly and mechanically applied, without due regard for the relation of forces in the union and the industry, and the precarious and peculiarly vulnerable position of this union in the industry. (While this was one of the contributing factors to its ultimate defeat, another important factor was the problem of how to fight for Negro-white unity most effectively, which will be discussed separately.)

To summarize: Our tactical line in the CIO was not one of trying to maintain unity by every possible means, but one which inevitably forced a split. We engaged too much in top maneuvers, and not enough in work below. Our methods left us open to the charge of "interfering" in the internal affairs of the unions. Within the framework of fighting against war policies, our trade union forces should have had the most flexible tactical approach to avoid or minimize a breakup of the Left-Center alliance and the isolation of the Left. Even after the national split, the most serious efforts should have been made to maintain our relations with broader forces in the unions below, on a united front basis, on economic issues and any other issues which lent themselves to common action.

Regarding our work in the AFL, we must examine much more concretely to what extent a left sectarian line affected it, and no such sweeping generalization can be made. A conscious policy of concentration in the AFL, because it is by far the largest part of Organized Labor in the state, resulted in significant advances,

particularly in the Building Trades. Because of the difficult problems of working in right-led unions, in practice a much more flexible and realistic approach was adopted of how to work in a rank and file way. There were many examples, however, where sectarian approaches, sometimes due to our leadership and sometimes due to the inexperience of rank-and-file comrades, isolated our people and led to jeopardizing their position in a union or industry. Life eventually taught us that in unions where our forces were subject to expulsion or physical violence on the slightest pretext, we could not impose any pre-conceived ideas of how to work, and there was a greater effort to grapple with their problems.

Nevertheless, the effects of our general policy were also felt in the AFL. While there were heavy losses due to the objective situation, screening, etc., we also suffered considerable losses due to ~~the objective situation, screening, etc.,~~ our own errors. For example, in AFL local unions where left-progressives came into leadership, these forces consistently over estimated their strength, came into clashes with district councils, state federation, and international leadership which often resulted in ousting them from leadership and expulsions.

Secondly, we should examine the role of rank-and-file bulletins to see to what extent they contributed to the isolation of our forces, and constituted interference in union affairs. which ordinarily could not be justified except perhaps in extreme cases where all channels of trade union democracy are completely wiped out.

Finally, and this applies as a general characterization of all our trade union work, AFL and CIO, we have looked upon the trade union leadership at times as though it were the main enemy, and have often centered our main fire against the Center forces and the Social-Democrats. As a result, we have too often emphasized the question of ousting the leadership, of challenging them for leadership in elections, often resulting in unnecessary collisions with forces with whom we should be in alliance, or who could be neutralized, and sometimes unnecessarily provoked the most reactionary forces to move against the Left.

All these lessons did not come to light just in this pre-convention discussion. We have been in the process of learning them, thru painful experience, over a period of years. But we have learned them piecemeal, we have not drawn the general conclusions necessary until we came to the source of the errors which we are now examining.

In our recent trade union work, we have many good examples of how our forces are working, who have either avoided some of these mistakes, or have learned well from them. Once we determine our basic approach, resolve the question of the

most effective organizational forms and methods, and clarify what the role of the party should be in this period, we can look forward to a great resurgence of our mass work and ties in the trade unions.

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## II. Our Negro Work

In reviewing our Negro work, we should do so on the background of an estimate of the present state of the rising upsurge of struggle of the Negro people, the role of Labor and the white masses in the struggle, and the growth of the Labor-Negro coalition in the fight for civil rights.

The most striking thing that must be noted is that while the Party has participated in many important struggles on these issues, its role has lagged far behind the present level and high point of the struggle today. We must analyse what part of this lag is due to objective factors, and what part is due to our own weaknesses and mistakes.

Among the objective factors that must be noted are: 1) the concessions won by the Negro people, as a result of their struggle as well as the tactical considerations of the bourgeoisie, both at home and abroad; 2) the new role of Negro leaders and organizations like the NAACP and the churches, in actively and militantly leading the struggle; 3) the intimidating effect of McCarthyism, which hampered the Party's role.

What were the subjective factors?

6 1) There has been a serious slackening in the fight against white chauvinism during the past few years, aggravated by the fact that the then-existent system of leadership made it more difficult to grapple with this question adequately, during the worst period of repression. The effect of this slackening has been to retard the party's full participation in the struggle for Negro rights, or even its understanding how to do so.

2) The party leadership incorrectly sought to deal with white chauvinism by organizational measures solely, without treating it as an ideological question that must be understood by the membership. It was fought almost solely as an inner party struggle, without relation to the fact that it required winning the masses to fight for Negro rights. This led to all kinds of distortions.

3) We also fought Negro nationalism in the party in the wrong way. There were growing nationalist tendencies among some of our Negro members, partly reflecting the role of Negro bourgeois and petty-bourgeois leaders in the mass movement and their ideology, but also fed by white chauvinist tendencies which were not effectively combatted by the party leadership. Without tackling the source, there

fore, our fight against nationalist tendencies gave the impression that we considered this the greater danger, and that white chauvinism was no longer so serious. This was as great a mistake as giving in to nationalism. Furthermore, we wrongly labelled as nationalism some concepts of Negro comrades which should be at least debatable and worthy of consideration. We allowed their distortions to obscure the real source of the problem.

4) Flowing out of a wrong estimate of the role of Negro leaders and mass organizations, the policy of Left centers, specifically the NLC, had a disastrous effect in isolating the Left forces from the main mass organizations and centers of the Negro people's struggles. While many recognized this fact earlier, the party leadership in the state and counties was reluctant to draw the full conclusions until the Hastings-Mann article appeared in PA.

5) Our theoretical position on the Negro question was a factor which separated us from many Negro leaders. While it is a debatable question to what extent the slogan of self-determination helped isolate us from the Negro community and struggles it has been an issue used against us both by enemies who distorted it as well as potential allies.

As a result of this combination of objective and subjective factors, the status of our Negro work nationally and in this state has been characterized by some as in a crisis. Never before have we had a situation like now where the relations between Negro and white comrades have become strained, and where the Negro members' confidence in the party has been shaken.

We must recognize that this is primarily because our Negro members do not see the party in action among the white masses in recent times, in the struggle for equal rights, commensurate either with its own past history or the present stage of the mass struggle. It is also a subject for justified criticism when too often the shaping of our policy in relation to the Negro community is done by the party leadership without sufficient consultation with, and sometimes ignoring, our Negro forces who know best the Negro community and mass movement. And finally, we must

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re-examine our policy toward Negro cadres, with a view to determine whether we did not set up erroneous standards which helped isolate them from the Negro community, once they became Party leaders, and contributed to their not having a close relationship with the Negro members in the Party.

But all this should not blind us to the many great contributions of the Party in recent years to the struggle for Negro rights, and the victories won when a correct mass policy at times was able to rally large numbers of non-left forces to the struggle.

Outstanding among these was the struggle around the Wells case initiated originally by the CRC and other left forces, which became one of the broadest mass movements ever seen in our state. This movement, involving eventually the widest participation of all sections of the Negro community, together with some white allies, finally saved the life of Wesley Wells from a death sentence. It was an example of how the independent initiative of the Left can help set into motion masses of people far beyond our influence, on issues which otherwise would be neglected and ignored. Nevertheless, there were sectarian tendencies present which sought to limit this movement to ourselves, under the guise of "not hiding the face of the Left". But on the whole the Left forces showed an excellent example of how to work with non-left forces without trying to "take over" the movement.

The fight for Negro representation has been one of the issues on which the Party has shown the most initiative over the years. This fight in the past was hampered by our narrow election tactics from 1948 to 1952, but nevertheless it kept hammering away at the issue until it was picked up by other forces in the two major parties. In the 1954 and '56 elections, as well as in municipal campaigns, we have begun to learn how to fight for and apply a coalition policy and build alliances in the Negro community. What we have been weakest on, however, is in the winning of support of white voters and the labor movement generally to support the issue of Negro representation around specific candidates.

In the fight against segregation in housing, there have been individual cases of struggles around this issue, particularly in Los Angeles, but generally we cannot say that we have done very much on this issue in the state, altho it is one of the most aggravated problems facing the Negro people.

The fight for jobs remains one of the most crucial questions for the Negro people. There were two state-wide actions for FEP legislation, in '53 and '55 which Labor and the NAACP sponsored. However, due to their policy of exclusion of the Left, plus our own isolation in many labor and Negro organizations, the participation of the Left was extremely limited. As a result, there never was a mass

campaign for signatures to FEP petitions developed, and we were unsuccessful in breaking thru the ban. We were more successful in playing an active role, with other progressive forces, in local FEP campaigns, which took on mass character in Los Angeles.

The breakdown of Jim Crow in a number of unions has progressed considerably in recent years, and this trend has in some unions been directly due to the initiative of white progressives. Side by side with this has to go a fight for upgrading, removing all inequalities in the industry or union, and especially in representation in union leadership. In these latter tasks, the work of progressives in unions is at its weakest. Some object to pressing the issues of discrimination on the grounds that the white workers are not ready to support such a fight, and that Left forces who raised it would be isolated. Undoubtedly the tactics of many Communists and other progressives have alienated others; but this should not be used as an excuse to give up the fight; rather to find the correct approach and make the fight more effectively. This is easier said than done, and we should be patient and try to help solve these problems concretely in each industry and union; but comrades who are skillful and resourceful in solving all kinds of tactical questions in their unions have the responsibility to apply it also to the ~~xxxx~~ fight on discrimination.

In this connection, we should examine the role of Negro caucuses which have functioned in various unions. We were wrong in our initial negative attitude to these caucuses, since they sprang up as a result of the unsolved problems in the unions and the desire of Negro trade-unionists to have some channel to take them up. On the whole, they have played a positive role. But in some cases their "go it alone" tactics, plus the weakness or failure of white progressives to take up their genuine grievances, has created a greater gulf between Negro and white members. This gulf must be bridged by fighting for a policy of Negro-white unity in breaking down all forms of discrimination in the unions.

The great struggles in the South, which developed around the Till murder and others, the bus boycott, and the school de-segregation issue, have aroused a deep-going feeling of emotion and solidarity in the Negro communities of the North. The powerful mass demonstrations that took place throughout California on these issues, under the leadership of the NAACP and the churches, shows the feeling of kinship that Negroes everywhere have with the struggles in the South. But although at top levels there is a labor-Negro-liberal alliance on the question of civil rights, there had not been a corresponding movement below, in the unions and communities in support of that struggle. That is one of the responsibilities that white progressives have.

It should be emphasized that Negro Marxists can play an important role in this mass movement, once we get over our sectarian hangovers in our attitudes to the Negro mass organizations, their leaders, and the churches. And there are times when these leaders will not move without pressure, and the independent initiative of the Left. But the key question is that our Negro comrades must become an integral part of the Negro community and the freedom movement.

The critical situation in our Negro work is amply reflected in our registration, which shows a steady percentage drop of Negro members since 1950, and just holding our own in the past year or so. We have also suffered losses of Negro cadres who have become inactive or dropped out, or who are not given responsible assignments because of past disagreements. We should review how to re-activate these comrades. We should also review the role of some of our present leading Negro cadres, as to how they can more effectively play a role as Marxists in the Negro community and as Party leaders. We should re-constitute the State and County Negro Commissions, or their equivalent, in their composition and functioning, so that they can have a more decisive part in the shaping of our policy on the Negro question, as well as in Party leadership in our Negro work.

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### III. Political Action

One of the clearest examples of the miscalculation of the relation of forces on the political scene, and the mood of the masses, was in the launching of the third party movement. In this, we in California share a special responsibility. Our state has seen many mass political movements of an independent character within the last two decades, finding expression mainly within the Democratic party. In 1947-48, this ferment was growing again, around the economic situation and the cold-war policies of the Truman Administration. In the spring of 1947, our State Board reviewed the third party prospects that were being discussed nationally, and came to the conclusion that we did not see the basis as yet for a mass breakaway from the Democratic party and the formation of a third party. We qualified this, however, by informing the National Committee that if a national third party movement was launched, we thought it possible that sufficient forces would support it to put a third party on the ballot in California. We justified this apparent contradiction by pointing out that the job of putting a new party on the ballot was such an enormous one in California, (requiring half a million signatures) that it would have to be started a full year ahead of time. The National Committee estimate was that conditions for a third party would mature by 1948; we therefore helped launch the signature drive for a new party in 1947, in spite of our estimate that we did



not see a sufficiently broad mass base for it, because of our expectation that by 1948 the conditions would mature for such a base.

We underestimated the hold of the two-party system on the masses, and overlooked our California experiences where mass political upsurges took place within that framework. We had a faulty estimate of the economic situation, as the expected recession did not fully materialize. We also did not take fully into account the fear of the masses of a Republican victory and the demagoguery of Truman on the peace question and economic questions, under mass pressure including the pressure of the Progressive Party.

Our mistake in helping launch the Progressive Party, and after the '48 elections still viewing it as the possible vehicle for a mass third party movement, contributed considerably to isolating us from progressive forces within the Democratic party, and from important forces within the trade union movement as a whole. The narrow and rigid third-party line which we followed in the 1950 and 1952 elections excluded any possibility of a coalition approach, even though we spoke about a coalition, on our own terms, of course.

In the 1950 elections, we did not see the possibility of supporting a coalition around the campaign of Helen Gahagan Douglas. We adopted a doctrinaire approach that as a matter of principle we could not participate in a coalition for a candidate that was supporting the Truman war policies, and more specifically, the Korean war. What we failed to take into account was not only the tactical consideration of our relations with labor-progressive forces in the Democratic party and the Trade unions, but that the main threat of reaction and war came from the Knowland-Nixon camp and the MacArthur policy.

After the 1952 elections and the Eisenhower victory, the National committee adopted a Draft Resolution for discussion in the party which marked the beginning of a turning point in correcting our tactical line. It characterized the Eisenhower election as a victory for reaction, and the Republican party as the chief vehicle of Big Business reaction, instead of the "plague on both your houses" approach we had adopted; it recognized as an error the formation and continuation of a third party without a mass base; and it pointed to the need for a coalition with Labor the Negro people, and other forces whose main political expression was through the Democratic party. The adoption of this resolution marked a big step forward in starting to overcome the sectarian isolation which our political action policies had led into, although the full implications of this Resolution in regard to Left centers and other tactical questions in other fields of work were not gone into until much later, because it did not deal with the source of the errors.

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#### IV. The Fight For Peace

Our Party has made a great contribution to the fight for peace over the past years. In 1950, the Stockholm Peace Petition campaign dramatized the fight to ban the A-bomb, and succeeded in getting tens of thousands of signatures even during the hysteria, accompanying the outbreak of the Korean war. We fought for the ending of the Korean war by peaceful negotiations, and against the danger of it spreading into a world war; at the time we sounded like a lone voice in the midst of the rising war hysteria, but as time went on a change began to take place until it became the majority position of the American people. We likewise participated in the fight against German re-armament; and against the threat of American armed intervention over Indo-China and Formosa. The rising peace sentiment of the American people, together with the decisive change in the world relation of forces, headed off the mere serious threats of war, and the courageous fight of the party together with other peace forces played a positive role to this end, which finally reached a turning point marked by the Geneva and Bandung conferences, and the United Nations 10th Anniversary Conference in San Francisco.

In connection with the latter conference, one of the high points of the activity of left-progressive peace forces was the petition campaign to outlaw atomic warfare, which in a short time gathered about 50,000 signatures, mainly from the San Francisco Bay Area, which were presented to the United Nations.

But the party's peace fight suffered from a number of serious shortcomings and mistakes:

- 1) While we said we did not believe war was inevitable, we acted at times as the war was not only inevitable but imminent:
- 2) We mechanically adopted the slogans of the world peace movement, at times, without considering whether they fully applied to the situation in the U.S., and to the level of understanding of the masses;
- 3) We uncritically supported, with few exceptions, the Soviet Union's peace policy, without differentiating between its genuine desire and fight for peace, and some individual measures which harmed and set back the peace fight (Yugoslavia, etc.).

4) We centered our peace activities largely thru left peace centers, and did not give sufficient attention to the broad peace movement that was growing and expressing itself in various ways in churches and civic organizations, among Quakers, pacifists, trade unions, farmers and Negro organizations and women's groups. While Left peace centers played an important and positive role in initiating some campaigns and raising more advanced peace slogans, they also tended to be sectarian, and our main activity should have been directed to the broader channels.

5) Because we said the central issue was peace, many of our trade union forces unnecessarily isolated themselves by artificially raising foreign policy questions as tho these questions were paramount to their union, thus leaving themselves open to the charge of bringing in "outside" issues.

6) We have been slow to adjust ourselves to the decisive change in the world situation and increased prospects for peaceful co-existence, and we have still not sufficiently adapted our slogans and tactics to the period ahead.

But here as in other fields of work, we should not over-simplify the question by simply listing achievements and mistakes.

In the Stockholm petition campaign, as well as in the '55 petition campaign, the orientation of the State Peace Commission was to broaden the campaign, and there were some limited successes in getting broader local sponsorship. There was also a recognition by some of our mass forces in the peace movement of wrong mechanical application of world peace campaigns and slogans, in some cases as early as 1949.

But the agreeing with the criticism, we did not change our main approach.

In regard to the Left peace centers, there was a long recognition and growing criticism of the futility of the APC, but we took no initiative for a long time in raising the question of dissolving it. Our worst distortion, however, was in regard to the organization of the Labor Peace Committee and its maintenance long after it was clear that it represented nothing but ourselves. Growing out of the artificial concept that Labor must lead the fight for peace, we put many trade-unionists in a precarious position by this approach, and established wrong standards about how to judge the work of our trade union comrades. (The 1950 National Convention declared that "Every club would be judged by how much it did on the peace question").

In the campaign for China trade, the Left took the initiative and made some progress in the trade-unions on this issue, but our overall estimate undoubtedly affected our efforts to make this a broad mass issue.

Thus it can be seen that when experience showed up some of our wrong policies and approaches, we were unable to draw the necessary conclusions as long as we had not come to grips with the erroneous political estimate we had.

New and challenging tasks face us in the coming period. In more difficult times, our party earned the right to call itself the peace party. To earn this title anew, we must learn how to advance the fight for peaceful co-existence and trade, the end of colonialism, disarmament, and banning the H-bomb, under the new conditions of today, as Americans who love our country and want to see it play a democratic role in a peaceful world.

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/21/57 with a copy of WILLIAM SCHWARTZMAN's "Statement on Policy Questions", which was presented to the California State Communist Party Convention held in Los Angeles, California on 1/19-20/57.

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AGENDASTATE CONVENTION CALIFORNIA COMMUNIST PARTYJANUARY 19th and 20th, 1957

- 1) Registration of delegates 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
  - 2) Convene at 10 a.m.
  - 3) Greeting delegates and opening of Convention by Wm. Schneiderman  
State Chairman
  - 4) Election of temporary Chairman
  - 5) Election of Secretary
  - 6) Election and affirmation of Convention Committees
    - (a) rules and procedure committee
    - (b) credentials committee
    - (c) resolutions committee
    - (d) constitution committee
    - (e) balloting committee
  - 7) Report by Wm. Schneiderman on behalf of the State Committee
- Lunch recess 12:30 p.m.
- 8) Re-convene at 1:30 p.m.
  - 9) Report of Rules Committee and adoption of Convention rules and  
procedure
  - 10) Special report on the press by Al Richmond on behalf of the  
State Committee
  - 11) Discussion and action on the report
  - 12) Report of the Credentials Committee
  - 13) Report of Resolutions Committee
  - 14) Discussion and action on Resolutions Committee report
- Dinner Recess 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 15) Continued discussion and action on Resolutions
  - 16) Adjournment of this session at 10 p.m.
- Reconvene Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- 17) COUNTY DELEGATION CAUCUSES 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
  - 18) Continued discussion and action on Resolutions
- Lunch Recess 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- (19) Report on balloting procedure and the balloting on National  
Convention delegation
  - 20) Report of Constitution Committee
  - 21) Discussion and Action on Constitution Committee Report
  - 22) Adjournment 5:30 p.m.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)

4/22/57

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/1/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/31/57, concerns the California State Communist Party Convention, held in Los Angeles, California on 1/19,20/57.

This report is set forth verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"January 31, 1957

"Report on the State Convention of the  
Communist Party

"On the evening of Friday, January 18, 1957, Howard Thompson and Howard Keylor took the Los Angeles bus from Stockton at 10:10 PM, arriving at Los Angeles at approximately 6:45 AM. Whereupon they took a S street car to Western Ave, getting off at 8th Street, they then walked to the Westgate Hotel at 445 S. Western Ave. where they procured a room. They left the room at approximately 8:45 AM and walked to the Park Manor, at 607 S. Western, going to the second floor where they were met by Rudie Lambert and Louise Todd, whereupon they were allowed to register. The registration form consisted of the following:-

Name of Club  
Name of County  
Name of person  
Age  
How long in Party  
Union member or not

"Later report to the convention disclosed the following:-

193 total registered				
Los Angeles	113	Delegates and alternates		
San Francisco	32	"	"	"
East Bay	21	"	"	"
Others	27	"	"	"

"There were 66 union members and 99 non-union members, the rest did not state.

"The convention convened at approximately 10:00 AM. Schneiderman greeted the delegates and a 'Charley' was elected Chairman of that session and Berniece as Secretary.

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"The proposed agenda was accepted with the exception of No. 19 being moved to No. 15. (Agenda enclosure #1.)

"There was the election of committees by County Caucus. These were as listed in the Agenda, item No. 6.

"After this had taken place, a report was given by William Schneiderman (copy enclosed, enclosure #2) which was a statement on policy questions covering trade unions work, negro work, political action and the fight for peace.

"Lunch recessed at 12:30 PM. Sandwiches and coffee were sold to the delegates.

"The convention reconvened at 1:30 PM. There was a report of the Rules Committee and adoption of Convention rules and procedures.

"Al Richmond gave a special report on the financial status of the People's World, with the recommendation that it go to a weekly. After a great amount of discussion by the Los Angeles delegates, under the leadership of 'Sadie', it was brought to a vote with 119 for the change to a weekly, 26 against and 4 abstaining.

"The report of the Credentials committee gave information previously stated in this report.

"Discussion and action on the Resolutions Committee report continued until 6:00 PM. at which time the convention recessed for dinner until 8:00 PM, and at that time the discussion continued. It was later agreed that copies of all resolutions accepted by this convention would be mailed to all clubs. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM and reconvened Sunday at 9:00 AM.

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"County delegation caucus' were held Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, at which time delegates to the National Convention were chosen. All persons thus chosen as delegates to the National Convention were later accepted by the convention as a whole.

"Later in the convention in the voting for delegates at large, the following persons were chosen as delegates and alternates:-

"Bill Schneiderman	110 votes
"Louise Todd	99 "
"Al Richmond	73 "
"Bill Low	52 "
"Walt (Sharp?)	50 ""
"Adam Lapan	28 "

"Some of the persons at the convention were:

" Micky Lima  
Leo Barroway  
Al Richmond  
Rudie Lambert  
Louise Todd  
Barney Deveto, Marysville  
'Robbie' Robertson, Modesto Club  
Del Berg, " "  
Ken Howard  
Howard Keylor, Stockton Club  
Howard Thompson, " "  
Bill Schneiderman  
Bill Low  
Walt Steck  
A. C. Bell  
Sam Hicks  
Bill Needy (Marin County?)  
Bob Linsley  
Lee Kutnik  
Vera Ballard's father  
Lynn Childs.

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"The convention adjourned at 5:30 PM Sunday to reconvene on March 16 and 17, 1957, following the National Convention.

"At the Los Angeles bus depot, Barney Deveto and Robbie Robertson were waiting for the bus when they met Howard Thompson and Howard Keylor. During the wait for the bus, there was not much discussion on the convention. Deveto, Keylor and Thompson caught the 7:45 PM bus, but Robertson was unable to get on this bus and had to catch a later one. Deveto stated that he had to make a report on the convention to the Sacramento Club. It was tentatively agreed between Thompson and Deveto that they would drive down to the next convention meeting. It was further agreed that the Thompsons would drive up to Marysville to see Deveto.

"/s/

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SF 1604-S was contacted by SA ROBERT SAVAGE on 2/8/57 and on 3/19/57, regarding above convention. Informant was able to verify listed persons as being present from photos furnished by Los Angeles Office, along with prior personal acquaintances with these people.

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

## SECOND SESSION STATE CONVENTION

March 16 - 17

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SATURDAY

Registration of delegates 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

CONVENS at 10 a.m. Opening of Convention by Wm. Schneiderman, State Chmn.

Election of Convention Chairman

Election of Secretary

Election of Convention Committees

- (a) Rules and Procedure Committee
- (b) Credentials and balloting committee
- (c) Resolutions and Program of Action committee
- (d) Committee on State Structure

Opening Report by Wm. Schneiderman on behalf of State Committee

Presentation of draft Program of Action

(Lunch Recess 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.)

Discussion on Program of Action 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Reading and discussion on draft resolution "ON LEADERSHIP" 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Report by Balloting Committee on procedure in election of Nat'l Com. members

(Dinner Recess 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

(This to include meetings of the Resolutions and Program of Action Committee, Committee on State Structure and the Balloting Committee, if necessary).

SUNDAY

COUNTY CAUCUSES 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - to make nominations for members of the National Committee.

Report and discussion on STATE STRUCTURE 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Lunch Recess 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - Nomination and election of members of the NC

Report and discussion Program of Action and other Resolutions

Action on matters resulting from decision on State Structure (whatever the outcome on this question).

ADJOURNMENT 5:30 p.m.

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Credentials Report

Total number of delegates - 141  
Los Angeles - 63  
San Francisco - 36  
East Bay - 19  
Small counties\* - 23

\*Includes: San Diego, Santa Barbara, Marin, Santa Clara, Fresno, San Joaquin, Tulare, San Mateo, Riverside, San Bernardino, Sonoma, Humboldt, and Yuba.

Age

18 to 25 years - 2  
25 to 35 - 23  
35 to 50 - 89  
over 50 - 27

Time in Party

1 - 5 years - 8  
6 - 10 - 22  
11 - 20 - 52  
over 20 - 27

Men - 96

Women - 43

T.U. Membership - 75

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Resolution on National Minorities

Whereas: there are more than 14 million foreign-born within the United States, and

Whereas: the native-born descendants of these foreign-born men and women into the 1st and 2nd generations are affected by the discrimination, deportation and persecution of their forebears under the Walter-McCarran Act, and, in the case of those of Chinese, Japanese and Filipino origin, racial discrimination as well, and

Whereas: these National Groups and their descendants still have ties with the country of their origin; and

Whereas: with the rising importance of events in Europe, Asia and the Middle East, certain national groups are being wooed by our government with the aim of aiding United States foreign policy, and

Whereas: the Party has underestimated the importance of this question and has made some grievous errors, therefore be it

Resolved: that the CPUSA should analyze the history and present status of the National Groups in our country; and be it further

Resolved: that the districts take appropriate organizational steps to coordinate the work of minorities and implement the above, and be it finally

Resolved: that the National Committee be informed of this resolution for appropriate action.

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Resolution Adopted as Amendment to Program of Action Report

Our Party, despite its crisis, is still the strongest organized force for socialism in the United States. As our program is applied and developed, the basis is laid to reinvigorate the Party, strengthen and build it. Those who have dropped or become inactive are needed by the Party to realize this possibility and we are confident that the Party remains the most effective channel through which they can express their beliefs.



As a special aspect of this problem:

There are groups of socialist minded youth and young adults formerly in the LYL which has now been disbanded. The committee recommends xxx that the districts take immediate steps to maintain contact with and to develop a program for these groups, and where possible to recruit them, and where they are already in the party that immediate steps be taken to .. assign them to clubs.

We should also seek to develop continued relations with those socialist minded individuals who are not at this time following the path of joining or rejoining our Party, on the discussion of immediate issues.

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Resolution Adopted as Amendment to Program of Action Report

The most pressing issue in American life today continues to be the struggle of the Negro people and their white supporters for Negro equality and an end to the terror in the South. Not a day passes without new dramatic actions, especially by the Negro people themselves in the South. (The Negro student body at Alcorn, Mississippi.) The point has been reached where Southern Negro leaders have raised the possibility of a mass xxx pilgrimage to Washington if Eisenhower fails to act.

Nationally, the struggle centers around two main demands:

1) For Federal intervention against the White Citizens Council violence; for Eisenhower to speak out against the terror and for prompt enforcement of the Supreme Court desegregation decisions;

2) For immediate passage of Federal civil rights legislation. All democratic-minded forces are convinced that late March, April and May is the crucial period in the fight for these demands.

Decisions on State Co-ordination  
Unanimously adopted March 16-17, Second Session State Convention

1. A California Coordinating Council shall be organized to carry out statewide coordinating of these specific investigations, consultations, analyses and implementations of policy which may be assigned to the Council by the Northern and Southern Districts. This coordinating Council is to be responsible to the Districts Councils and does not supersede their authority.

2. On Statewide problems and questions such as:

- a. Statewide electoral and legislative questions
- b. Questions pertaining to the statewide labor movement and federations
- c. Questions pertaining to statewide coordination and questions of the Negro people's movement and other minorities.
- d. Questions of agriculture.
- e. Questions of youth.
- f. etc.

The coordinating council will have the responsibility for the developing of statewide policies and approaches, including the calling together of caucuses or other forms involving people in these specific fields of work.

3. We consider at least for the coming period, the press presents special problems and requires a special approach. We propose:

1. Statewide Press committee to be established by the State Coordinating Council.

We recommend the following composition of this committee:

- a. Chairman of the Northern and Chairman of the Southern Districts.

- b. One at large from the North and one at large from the South.

- c. One rep. from Editorial from the North and 1 from South

- d. One rep. from management from the North and 1 from South.

The press committee is to have responsibility for overall problems of circulation and the broadening of support for the paper and of advising on policy questions of the paper.

4. The size of the state coordinating council is to be 12, six of whose members are to come from the Northern California District and six from the Southern California District. It is the sense of the

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committee that included among these six will be at least a minimum of those members from each district who have the major responsibilities in their districts. Members of the State Co-ordinating Council shall be designated by the respective districts. The State Co-ordinating Council shall have co-chairman, one from the North and one from the South. (The Council will determine whatever other officers or forms of coordination is. trade union caucuses, Negro caucuses, etc. that it deems necessary in performing its function.) The overall committee to meet at least three times a year, the first meeting to be held within three weeks after the completion of the district conventions.

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Continuation of Report on Structural Committee.

1. The first meeting of the State Coordination Council should be held within three weeks after the conclusions of the District Conventions

2. Problems of interim leadership:

Pending the conclusion of the District Conventions, we are confronted with a number of problems that require an interim leadership. A special problem is faced by Northern California which consists of a considerably larger number of Party Organizations. This especially is true in regard to the setting up of the District convention, and therefore we make a special proposal to deal with this Northern California Problem.

1. That separate caucus meetings be held during this final convention session: East Bay San Francisco, Santa Clara, 1st Congressional, and Sacramento-San Joaquin.

a. That these caucuses will elect representatives to a Northern California convention arrangements committee.

b. That this convention committee will have the responsibility for setting the dates of the Dist. Conv., the sequence of Conventions, as well as the proposed agenda for the convention. This committee will also prepare the preliminary for the internal structure of the Northern California district to be presented to the district convention. It is urged that the caucuses held this afternoon reflect, as much as possible, their thinking on these questions so as to enable their representatives to bring their thinking to the convention arrangement committee.

The basis of representation to the convention arrangements committee is proposed to be as follows: San Francisco 3; East Bay 3; Santa Clara 1; 1st Congressional 1; Sacramento-San Joaquin 1.

3. Recommendation that the District Conventions meet and act on elections to the National Committee in time to meet requirements set by the National Convention. The timing and working out of this and other problems to be discussed in the Districts and to be decided by the Convention Arrangements Committee. (Southern California can work out their own methods of determining date of convention.)

4. That the present State Officers, that is, those who now constitute the secretariat, continue in office and help in any problems of transition until the holding of the District Conventions, at the completion of which the ~~existence~~ of the present State Offices will be terminated.

5. It is understood that all of the above is dependant upon the National Committee approval of the 2 district set-up.

6. Auditing:

It is proposed that an auditing committee be established to go over the present State books and financial records, prepare a financial statement, for approval and action, to the 2 Districts. We propose that the committee consist of the following: 1 representative from each of the following counties: Los Angeles, East Bay, San Francisco,

7. Two resolutions were presented to the structural committee by the small county areas with the request that we refer these to the Northern California District Convention. The Committee acted on this and recommends that the Convention approve the motion to refer.

8. That a time now be set aside for caucus meetings this afternoon to act on these necessary proposals flowing out of agreement of this convention of the above recommendations.

We propose separate caucus meeting for the following: San Francisco, East Bay, Santa Clara, 1st Congressional District, Sacramento-San Joaquin, and Southern California.

9. That personnel of the PW Editorial Board and representatives of the District leadership have responsibility for editorial policy of the paper.

whether they are able to fulfill their responsibilities in accordance with the political criteria we have indicated.

At the National Convention 3 Californians were selected among the 20 at-large members. These were Charlene Alexander, a Negro woman youth leader from Los Angeles; Dorothy Healy, present chairman of the Los Angeles party; and Al Richmond, editor of the People's World, of San Francisco. With these 3, the 5 to be elected should constitute a representative group, capable of continuing and expanding the California's role in the struggle to deepen the unity of the party.

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#### Resolution on Factionalism

adopted by Convention.

Whereas, we should keep open debate to guarantee full and free expression so that there may be a healthy resolution of our ideological differences, and

Whereas, we must make a sharp distinction between ideological differences which inevitably come about and must be debated out, and factional activity on the basis of such differences, and

Whereas, the National Convention was marred by the participation of some delegates in factional groups, and

Whereas, any continuation of such factional activities as were present at the National Convention would be disastrous to the unity of the party and its ability to carry out the convention program,

Therefore be it resolved, that the 16th Convention of the Communist Party of California now in session condemns organized factionalism and demands that all factional groupings be discontinued in accordance with the National Constitution, and that the Party proceed to carry out the mandate of the National Convention.

### Draft Memorandum on Leadership Questions

(This draft memo was referred to the coming district conventions by the second session of the state convention. The election of the California members of the National Committee will be conducted at the District conventions, three in the Northern and two in the Southern Districts. The District conventions will also act on the election of a District chairman and such other officers as it may decide, and the members of the District committee. This memo should be considered in relation to all of these elections.)

Leadership is one of the major questions confronting this convention. The convention will probably act only on the election of 5 National Committee members from California. Hence, these observations are directed mainly to the National Committee elections, but the approach determined by the convention will have some bearing on leadership questions in the counties, and on the state as well, whatever the final decision on the state structure may be. In this regard, some excellent points for consideration were made in Martha Stome's article in the National Discussion Bulletin No. 4.

While leadership was similarly a central matter before the National Convention, less preparation had been made in developing a policy and direction than on any other major question. We must correct this shortcoming to the extent that we can at this convention.

A discussion on leadership was opened in the first session of the State Convention. The report of William Schneiderman for the State Committee stated:

"Furthermore, while this session of the convention will not be called upon to deal as yet with the question of leadership to reflect the changes in the party, the delegates and the whole party must start giving the utmost thought to this question, in relation to the National Convention in February, and the election of National, state and county leadership. It would be well that from the clubs on up, this question is thoroughly discussed so that you will be prepared to act on your conclusions when these questions come before you."

As a result, some counties have established leadership committees which have begun to explore an approach to the question. And we can draw on some of the conclusions of the National Convention as an aid in developing an approach for our convention.

The conclusions and direction of the National Convention must be the starting point for the election of leadership. The line which emerged from the National Convention called for a creative approach to the interpretation and application of Marxism-Leninism to our country; for a mass line which recognized left sectarianism as the main danger; and for the democratization of our Party. We should judge which comrades can and will fight for this line in the party. The struggle

to strengthen party unity around the convention decisions will continue for some time. Sectarianism in our party is very deep rooted. It will be overcome not only by continued debate - but by the fight to carry out a correct mass line in practice.

This convention must make a start in the process of refreshing the leadership. The present situation in the party requires that we seek a proper combination of old and new forces to constitute the leadership. All should be judged not only by their experience, but also their ability to fight for basic changes in the party's method of work and concept of its leading role, by their ability to learn from the membership and the mass movement.

An important part of our overall policy must be a fight to place new forces into leadership. In this regard, however, we do not believe the approach should be adopted that the way to refresh the leadership is to throw out all the old, nor the theory that only the leadership is sectarian and only the rank and file has a mass approach. This is a dangerously over-simplified statement which poses the rank and file against the leadership in a distorted way which is not helpful to the party.

The bringing forward of new forces into leadership is hampered by our lack of cadre development in the past, by the losses of valuable forces, and by the security problems facing comrades in industry or certain mass organizations. In the present semi-legal status of the party, we are <sup>not</sup> going to overcome the security problem overnight, especially in regard to national and state levels of leadership. It will be a process, for which we must have a policy and orientation that the whole party will fight for, until we have more thoroughly transformed the leading corps to reflect the needs of the party.

Nevertheless, there is a "cadre Pool" which we can take as our starting point, from the present actives of the party. This would include the following categories, divided for convenience although they overlap one another: (1) Members of State and County Committees; (2) Non-functionary actives of county, section, and club level; (3) Shop and trade union forces; (4) Negro forces; (5) Actives in mass organizations and communities.

We should try systematically to promote the most promising comrades, based on their performance, and with some judgement on where they would fit best: whether at county, state or national level, and

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 4/2/57 furnished SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE with two documents concerning the Second Session of the Communist Party State Convention held in San Francisco, California on 3/16,17/57. The first document is entitled "PROPOSED AGENDA - SECOND SESSION STATE CONVENTION - March 16-17" and was received by SF 1604-S via mail on 3/11/57. The second document is the report of the actions taken at the State Convention and received by SF 1604-S on 3/30/57 via mail. This document sets forth the resolutions passed, as well as the credentials report and the "Draft Memorandum on Leadership Questions." These documents will be maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

SF 1604-S on 4/2/57 orally advised SA ROBERT SAVAGE that those representing the Valley counties at the Convention on 3/16,17/57 were as follows:

BERNARD DeVETO and LILLIAN RANSOME from Marysville  
HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD THOMPSON from Stockton  
DELMER BERG from Modesto  
FRANK GEORGE from Fresno  
Negro from Sacramento (barber; has three man shop).

SF 1604-S further advised on 4/2/57 that Sacramento is not holding meetings at the present time. Informant further advised that the next State Convention is to be held on 4/13/57 at San Francisco.

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4/18/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT SAVAGE on 4/2/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/29/57, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held 3/20/57, Stockton, Calif. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"March 29, 1957

"On Wednesday evening, March 20, 1957, there was a meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County at the Howard Keylor home in Stockton. Those present at the meeting were:

"Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
"Jack Gilbert

"Howard Keylor opened the meeting at about 8:10 PM and the first order of business was the payment of dues. Keylor announced that Lura Woods had sent him \$5.00 to be used for dues and literature and, since he knew she was having a hard time financially, he wanted to apply the whole sum to her dues. This paid her dues to November 1st. Jack Gilbert paid dues for April, May and June and donated money to the fund for the convention expenses. Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson paid January and February dues and Howard and Evangeline Keylor paid February dues.

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"The rest of the meeting was devoted to a report on the last session of the State Convention which was held in San Francisco on March 16th and 17th.

"If notification of the date for the Northern District Conference is not received before March 27th the next meeting will be held on April 3rd and at that time delegates to the Conference will be elected.

"s/



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SF 1604-S orally advised SA SAVAGE on 4/9/57 that the CP State Convention is to be held in San Francisco on 4/13/57 and that HOWARD THOMPSON and LULU MAE THOMPSON will be the delegate and alternate from the San Joaquin County CP. Informant could furnish no further information.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (140-2531)

April 19, 1957

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

ROWENA VELMA HALL, aka.  
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Re memo SA JACK E. BAKER dated April 16, 1957.

At Stockton, California

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on April 17, 1957:

SF 1604-S [redacted] whom have furnished  
reliable information in the past and are familiar with Commun-  
ist Party activities in the Stockton, California, area, advised  
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on April 17, 1957, that ROWENA HALL is  
not known to them and that they had no knowledge of her ever  
being connected with the CP at Stockton, California.

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There is no record for Doctor C.A. THOMPSON in the  
records of the Stockton Telephone Books or Stockton City  
Directories from 1949 to present.

Mr. BOYD THOMPSON, Secretary of the San Joaquin  
County Medical Society, 936 North Commerce, advised on April 17,  
1957, that there has been no Doctor C.A. THOMPSON in San  
Joaquin County for the past twenty years. He stated that  
there is no Doctor THOMPSON in Stockton, California, at the  
present time, and that there has not been a Doctor THOMPSON  
for several years.

Mr. SIMPSON HORNACE, President of Austin Brothers  
Wholesale Hardware at 301 South Aurora, advised on April 17,  
1957, that ROWENA HALL was employed by this firm as a secre-  
tary from April 25, 1949, to September 10, 1949. He stated  
that he does not know the reason she left; however, her  
employment was satisfactory, and that there is nothing re-

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flecting on her character, loyalty, habits, or associates. He stated that she is eligible for re-employment.

Mrs. MURL BALDWIN, Secretary at Austin Brothers Hardware advised on April 17, 1957, that the employee conducted herself in a good manner while employed by this company, and that she considers her to be a person of very good character, loyalty, habits, and associates.

Additional leads set out in this case are being covered, and a separate memorandum will be submitted by SA DALY or WHITE.

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	[Redacted] (Address of Contributor)
By	Robert T. Savage (Name of Special Agent)
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SAC, San Francisco (100-20472)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

TRACY JOHN JILBERT

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/10/57, by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 4/9/57, is set out verbatim, and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
April 9, 1957

"On Monday evening, April 1, 1957, HOWARD and IRLD MAC THOMPSON drove over to Tracy to visit JACK JILBERT. They arrived at his home at about 6:30 PM, and stayed for about 1 hour.

"They informed him of the fact that HOWARD LAYLOR had gone to San Francisco several times to meet with the arrangements committee for the Northern District convention and had not informed the Club of his intentions of doing so. Since this was the type of thing HOWARD was in the habit of doing in the past it was suggested that it might be wise to change delegates for the convention which will be held on April 13th and JILBERT agreed to this.

n/c/ [redacted]

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/13/57, that the Northern District convention referred to in the report is the Northern District Communist Party convention and the Club is the San Joaquin County Communist Party. Informant advised that all persons referred to in this report are members of the San Joaquin County CP.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS  
Committee

March 21, 1957.

Present: San Francisco 3; East Bay 3; Santa Clara 1; 1st CD 1; San Joaquin Valley 1.

Decisions:

1. Hold a one day convention for the district, including in agenda district structure, leadership, and at least one political report.
2. Date for convention Saturday, April 12. Try to secure either Finnish hall in Berkeley or the St. George hall.
3. Representation should be elected directly from clubs on the basis of 1 for every 5 members or major fraction thereof. (For large counties, this would mean the delegates to the county conventions plus any delegates elected at large to the state convention)
4. Agenda:
  - a) District Structure
  - b) Leadership
  - c) Report on present situation in labor developing around the Teamster investigation and an approach policy.
5. Sub-committees established to prepare convention reports:
  - a) Structure (LB, SF, Marin, Santa Clara, Valley)
  - b) Leadership (LB, SF, Marin, Santa Clara, Valley)
  - c) Labor report (Mickey, Joe).

Note: it was understood and stated that each sub-committee was authorized to involve any other comrades required to accomplish their tasks.

6. Convention Resolutions:

- a) Sub-committee established to go over resolutions referred from the state convention; and to receive any resolutions coming in before the district convention. (Roscoe, Ken)
- b) Clubs, sections, counties, etc. should be encouraged to send in resolutions, especially directed to the main points on the convention agenda.
7. Recommended that discussions in the organization on the program of action be held in advance, based on report as amended by State Convention.
8. PW - Letter directed to committee read. Counties urged to revive circulation drive; securing loans; and the coming financial treatment of the PW in the agenda of District Convention referred to next meeting.
9. Next meeting - Monday, April 1, 8PM at Labor School

Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
April 9, 1957

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Jack Jilbert

Jack Jilbert had dinner with the Thompsons and the Keylors arrived at about 8:10 PM. Howard Keylor formulated an agenda and opened the meeting at about 8:15 PM. No dues were collected and the next item on the agenda was a report by Howard Keylor on the activities of the Arrangements committee for the Northern District Convention which will be held April 13th. He reported that the proposed structure for the district would be to elect a group of 21, seven of these to be elected at large at the coming convention and the other 14 to be elected in the districts:

- 4 from the East Bay
- 4 from San Francisco
- 3 from Santa Clara
- 2 from 1st congressional
- 1 from San Joaquin-Sacramento Valley

Representation at the Convention will be based on 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 5 members or major fraction thereof. Keylor said it had been suggested that the representative from the Valley to the new "board" be nominated by caucus at the convention and then elected by referendum, but that the convention be asked to authorize a valley convention to set up an operating structure for the valley. Lulu Mae Thompson then stated that the whole thing seemed to have been "cut and dried" without the Clubs having much to say and she did not approve. She also objected to the fact that Howard Keylor had neglected to report to the Club on the fact that he intended to take an active part in the arrangements committee's plans and that he had failed to let the Thompsons know of the date set for the convention when he had reported it to the other Club members. There was quite a lengthy debate on these subjects and this was followed by the election of delegates. Howard Thompson was elected unanimously as the delegate and Lulu Mae Thompson defeated Jack Jilbert and Howard Keylor for alternate.

The Club then decided to support someone from the former State leadership for membership on the new "board" who would be sympathetic to the problems faced in the valley. Those chosen to be supported were Rudie Lambert, Louise Todd, Wes Bodkin, and Bob Lindsey.

Keylor gave Lulu Mae Thompson a copy of the minutes of the Arrangements Committee for March 21st to read and he forgot to take it home (copy enclosed).

At the suggestion of the Thompsons Keylor said a resolution would be presented at the convention which would incorporate the idea of electing the valley delegate at the meeting authorized for organ-

the valley into a compact group.

The next meeting will be held at the Keylor home on Wednesday evening, April 10, 1957.



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, San Francisco (100-21286) DATE: 5/2/57  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/10/57, by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 4/9/57, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Lathrop, California on 4/3/57. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

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April 9, 1957

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100-20472 [redacted]  
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100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
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"/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/15/57, that HOWARD and LULA MAE THOMPSON represented San Joaquin County Communist Party at the State CP convention held on 4/13/57 at San Francisco, California. Informant further advised that the valley CP members are voting for their representatives (2) to the State Committee and that HOWARD THOMPSON has been designated by MICKIE LIMA to receive and count the votes.

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By Robert H. Savage

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
April 17, 1957

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Wednesday evening, April 10, 1957. Those present were:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

The Club Chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR called the meeting to order at about 8:15 PM and the following persons paid dues:

"HOWARD KEYLOR	\$10.00
EVANGELINE KEYLOR	.50
HOWARD THOMPSON	3.00
LULU MAE THOMPSON	.50

These dues were for the month of March.

"The balance of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of plans for the convention which is to be held in San Francisco on April 13th, and to suggestions for the organization of the Northern District and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley organization.

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"It was decided to have the next meeting on Wednesday evening, April 24, 1957, unless something of importance comes up at the convention that will need attention before that date.

n/s/ [redacted]  
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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/24/57, and could furnish no additional information.

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Recommendations on District Organization

Submitted by District Committee Arrangements Committee

**1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

A committee of 21 members is proposed, of which one third, or seven members, are to be elected at large at the District Convention.

The remaining two thirds, or fourteen members, are to be elected directly from the counties. The basis of representation is roughly, but not strictly proportional with consideration given to the importance of each area in the district. Major emphasis has been placed on guaranteeing representation from all areas. The proposed number from each area, and the suggested method of election, follows:

- a) San Francisco - 4. To be elected at County Convention.
- b) East Bay - 4. To be elected at Regional Convention.
- c) 1st Congressional District - 3. 1 from Marin, 1 from Sonoma, and 1 from Humboldt-Mendocino. To be elected at County Conventions.
- d) Santa Clara-Santa Cruz - 2. To be elected at Santa Clara County convention, at which Santa Cruz could be represented.
- e) San Joaquin Valley - 1. Nominations to be made in Valley Caucus at District Convention, elections to be by referendum vote of all clubs in the area.

**2. DISTRICT OFFICERS**

- a) Recommend that the District Chairman be elected at the District Convention
- b) Recommend that the full District Committee should be authorized to decide upon and elect whatever other officers may be needed.
- c) Recommend that the 7 members of the District Committee elected at large should serve as an interim board until the election of the full 21 members is completed. The full committee should then decide upon the size of a board on a permanent basis, and elect such a board from amongst its members.
- d) Recommend that the Convention set a deadline for completion of elections to the District Committee; and that this deadline be 30 days after the convention, or by May 15.

**3. DISTRICT BY-LAWS**

- a) Recommend that the incoming District Committee should set up a committee to draft district by-laws to the Constitution; and that a delegated conference to act upon by-laws be convened in about six months.

**4. SPECIAL CONFERENCES**

- a) Since many important fields of work have not, because of time limitations, been thoroughly explored at the conventions, it is recommended that the incoming District Committee plan a number of special delegated conferences for such discussions. Particular attention is directed to the need for such a conference on youth problems, as well as on other issues.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: May 9, 1957

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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1 - 100-21287 (CP BUTTE CO.)

1 - 100-31414 (CP YUBA CO.)

1 - 100-36363 (CP SUTTER CO.)

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on April 17, 1957, by San Francisco 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated April 17, 1957, concerns the Northern California District Communist Party Convention held on April 13, 1957, at San Francisco, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
April 17, 1957

"There was a Northern District Convention of the Communist Party on Saturday, April 13, 1957, in California Hall, Polk and Taylor Streets, San Francisco. The Northern District of the organization represents all Communist Party members from Lindsey north. The Credentials Committee report was not read before the convention so it is not known how many were present, but following is a partial list of those present at the session:

Loretta Stack	Mickie Lima
Walter Stack	Archie Brown
Grace Forbes	Bob Lindsey
Dave Forbes	Lynne Childs
Delmer Berg	Joe Morris
Jim Ballard	Laible
Frank George	Billie Wachter
Joe Figaroto (spelling?)	Ozzo Morrow
Lillian Ransom	Lee Kutnik
Howard Thompson	Tom MacPherson
Lulu Mae Thompson	Frances Fink
Barney DeVeto	Ralph Izzard
Louise Todd	Merle Brotsky
Rudie Lambert	Leo Barroway
Al Richmond	Wes Bodkin
Mason Robeson	Ken Howard
Oleta O'Connor Yates	Decca Treuhaf
Bill Schneiderman	Ernie Fox



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"The convention was called to order by former State Chairman, Bill Schneiderman at 10:30 AM. He stated that the Party must continue to support FLPC and work to build the circulation of the People's World.

"At 10:45, Loretta Stack was elected as Chairman of the Convention. Ozzo Morrow was elected sargaent-at-arms and Ralph Izzard and Grace Forbes were elected as secretar~~y~~s.

"The Chairman declared a 15 minute recess for caucuses. Each area elected one member to each of the following committees:

Rules Committee  
Press and Resolutions Committee  
Elections and Balloting Committee

"The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley caucus elected Howard Thompson as their chairman. Delmer Berg stated he was the arrangements committee representative to the Rules Committee so he was chosen to represent the valley. Jim Ballard of Lindsey was elected to the Press and Resolutions committee and Frank George of Fresno to the Election and Balloting Committee.

"The convention was called to order and the delegates elected to serve on these committees were excused to meet together. During the time these committees were in session, Joe Figaroto read a report on labor to the delegates remaining in the hall.

"Oleta Yates then gave the report of the arrangements committee on the proposed organization for the Northern District (copy enclosed). The only change made in the proposed organization was to make the District Committee a committee of 22 members and the added member was allotted to the Sacramento - San Joaquin Valley.

"A recess for lunch was declared at about 1:15 PM and following lunch, Archie Brown was elected chairman of the convnetion. The balloting committee, which had

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given a partial report just prior to lunch, completed their report. The convention then voted that anyone running for any office and not wanting their full name placed before the convention and on the ballot, must be present so they could be fully and personally identified by the delegates.

"Following this action a recess was called for caucuses to select nominees for the following offices:

3 National Committeemen  
7 District Committee Members  
1 District Chairman

"The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley group caucused with the Santa Clara-Santa Cruz and 1st Congressional District organizations and Bob lindsey was made chairman of the caucus. There were several names presented as possible candidates for all offices and then the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley delegates left and held their own caucus to nominate candidates for their own to be representatives to the District Committee, who will be elected by a referendum vote. Those nominated were:

Howard O. Thompson  
Lulu Mae Thompson  
Howard Keylor  
Delmer Berg  
Jim Ballard  
Barney DeVeto  
Lillian Ransom

"The convention was called to order and the following persons were nominated for office:

District Chairman: Mickie Lima  
National Committee:  
Mickie Lima  
Bill Schneiderman  
Laible  
Walter Stack  
Joe Figaroto

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District Committee:

Billie Wachter  
Louise Todd  
Al Stanley (not present)  
Ozzo Morrow  
Matt Crawford (not present)  
Archie Brown  
Joe Figaroto  
Oleta Yates  
Laible  
Bill Schneiderman  
Walter Stack  
Lee Kutnick  
Tom MacPherson  
Martin L. (not present)  
Frances Fink  
Al Richmond  
Ralph Izzard

"While the ballots were being printed the nominees were allowed the floor for 3 minutes each for acceptance speeches. Following balloting and while the ballots were being counted, Al Richmond presented a report and resolution on the proposed People's World fund drive. The proposed quota is \$90,000.00, \$65,000.00 to be raise\_ in the Southern District, \$26,000 in the Northern District and \$9000 in Oregon and Washington. This report was accepted with an additional amendment presented by Decca Treuhaf which recommended the establishment of an advisory committee for the paper, made up of Party and non-Party members.

"The report of the balloting committee was not ready by 6:00 PM and the hall was rented for another hour. Their report was made at about 6:30 PM and the following people were declared elected:

District Chairman: Mickie Lima

National Committee Members:

Joe Figaroto  
Mickie Lima  
Bill Schneiderman

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District Committee Members:

Joe Figaroto  
Archie Brown  
Frances Fink  
Oleta Yates  
Bill Schneiderman  
Louise Todd  
Matt Crawford

"The names are listed in the order of most votes received.

"The convention was closed at about 6:50 PM and Howard Thompson contacted the newly elected District Chairman, Mickie Lima about how to handle the election of the District Committeemen from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley area. He said, since Thompson was the elected chairman of the Valley caucus, that the votes should be mailed to him.

"Delmer Berg, who had ridden to the convention with the Thompsons, returned to Sacramento with Barney Deveto and Lillian Ransom.

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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on April 24, 1957, that the Valley counties, including Tulare County north, will be included in the Northern District of the Communist Party. Informant advised that Kern county will be included in the Southern District of the Communist Party.

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5/22/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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Rebulet dated 4/24/57 requesting that subject be identified and that it be determined if subject is engaged in activities detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

SF 1604-S [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that subject is not known to the San Joaquin County Communist Party and has not been engaged in any CP or front group activities in this area.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will review records of INS at San Francisco re subject to obtain background information and any statements made by subject to INS re former Russian POW status. (include serials 1, 2 & 3)

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cc: [redacted]

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/3/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 5/27/57, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held on 5/17/57 at Stockton, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
May 27, 1957

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Friday evening, May 17, 1957 and the following persons were present:

HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

"After HOWARD KEYLOR called the meeting to order he asked LULU MAE THOMPSON to give a report of the meeting of the District Committee which was held in San Francisco on Sunday, May 12, 1957.

"Following this report there was a discussion of the People's World Fund drive and LULU MAE THOMPSON reported that she had turned in HOWARD THOMPSON's first days pay and HOWARD KEYLOR reported that he had not sent his in yet, but would do so before the first of June.

"HOWARD KEYLOR turned in the ballot received from LURA WOODS from Nevada.

"The next Club meeting will be held at the KEYLOR's on Friday evening, May 31, 1957

"HOWARD KEYLOR and LULU MAE THOMPSON were elected to represent the Club at the organizing meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. "

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/s/ [redacted]  
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1 97-27 (DPW)  
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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F.  
SAVAGE on 6/3/57 and could furnish no additional information.

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Copies of this memorandum are being designated to the case files of those present at the above-mentioned CP meeting. Detailed informant reports are being submitted in addition to this memo.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-33528)

6/18/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

HENRY FAXON SAUNDERS

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/17/57 that the subject does not attend meetings of the San Joaquin County Communist Party. Informant further advised that he knows of no connection that the subject has had with the CP during the past year.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that [redacted]

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF

7/8/57

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

RE: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/12/57, by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report dated 6/11/57, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held on 6/7/57 at Stockton, California. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
June 11, 1957

"The Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County held a meeting at the Howard Keylor home on Friday evening, June 7, 1957. The following people were present:

Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Howard and Evangeline Keylor

"Lulu Mae Thompson collected the following dues:

Howard Keylor	May	\$10.00
Evangeline Keylor	"	.50
Howard Thompson	"	\$10.00
Lulu Mae Thompson	"	.50

"In the report on the People's World Fund Drive, Howard Keylor reported that Larry Kilmer had pledged \$15.00. There was

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no other report on the drive.

"The balance of the evening was spent in planning the agenda for the meeting which will be held at the Thompson home on Sunday June 9, 1957 to make plans for an organizing convention for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Clubs. There was some discussion of what forms this organization should take and several proposals were advanced to present to the meeting.

"There was no date set for the next meeting."

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/26/57 that LARRY KILMER has not been at CP meetings lately. Informant further advised that HOWARD KEYLOR is the chairman of the San Joaquin County CP.

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By Robert F. Savage  
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MEMORANDUM ON PEACE ACTIVITY

The growing world outcry against H-Bomb Tests and the resulting danger to human life and health has become the major mass peace issue today, and has taken on unprecedented proportions in the U.S. itself, involving influential forces in the highest circles of American life. While the big public issue is primarily concerned with the nuclear tests as the most immediate expression of the danger to human life, it also has an effect on the whole question of banning atomic weapons altogether, and on disarmament, as steps in the direction of banning atomic war. As a result of this tremendous sentiment and pressure, there is a realistic possibility of achieving big-power agreement to halt nuclear tests, if this mass pressure continues to mount.

The great variety of public figures and organizations which have already taken a stand on this issue should be duplicated on a local scale in churches, PTA's, civic, labor, farm, Negro, and other groups and organizations. City Councils, County Board of Supervisors, and State Legislatures, and their corresponding political heads, should be asked to memorialize the President against further H-Bomb tests, as the Washington State House of Representatives did.

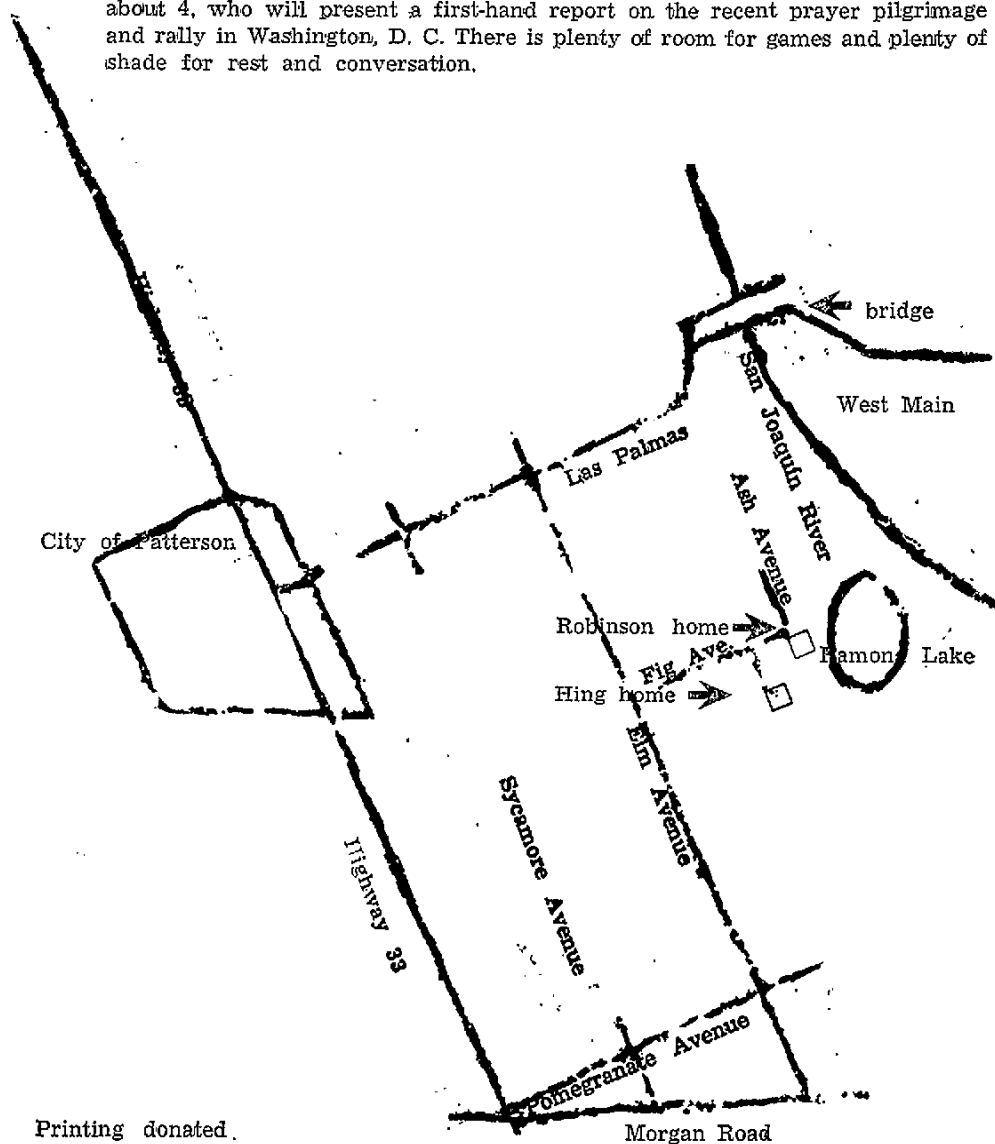
Where organizations like the Quakers are circulating petitions for the banning of nuclear tests, every support and co-operation should be given to such a campaign.

Some additional proposals for immediate consideration:

1. The paper to plan a special edition or supplement on the issue, with planned efforts to get a large sale or distribution of same.
2. Since the petition campaign of other organizations is not likely to encourage or get all-inclusive participation, sponsorship should be solicited for a petition addressed to the President or the United Nations, under somewhat similar circumstances as the 1955 petition campaign, which could be used on an area wide basis and in which everybody could participate. This should not preclude the participation by those who can, in the Quaker campaign, or that of any other organization, or the getting out of neighborhood petitions by independent groups.
3. If possible, the same or similar-type auspices should be solicited for newspaper ads, and a popular mass leaflet.
4. This campaign should be launched immediately and continued till August, the anniversary of Hiroshima. It is already several weeks late, but it is still not too late to affect the present situation further, provided it is started without any further delay.
5. A national pamphlet is planned which would include statements by Sweitzer, the Pope, Reuther, Mrs. FDR which would be suitable for wide circulation.

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YOU ARE INVITED to a picnic on Sunday, June 16, beside the San Joaquin River and close to Ramona Lake. Benefit People's World \$90,000 fund drive. Speaker JOHN PITTMAN, P. W. staff member. Come to Ramona Lake, pay your fifty cents per car to Mr. Hing (which admits to the grounds and confers fishing privileges for children and licensed anglers), and drive in along the levee. We'll have some signs posted to direct you to where the P. W. crowd will gather. Bring your own lunch; the sponsors will provide free hot coffee and cold punch. We'll start eating before 3 and will introduce Mr. Pittman about 4, who will present a first-hand report on the recent prayer pilgrimage and rally in Washington, D. C. There is plenty of room for games and plenty of shade for rest and conversation.



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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)

7/3/57

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

RE: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/12/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 6/11/57, concerns a meeting of CP leaders from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley with Northern District CP chairman, MICKIE LLMA, on 6/9/57 at Stockton, California to plan an organizing convention for the valley. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
June 11, 1957

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"On Sunday, June 9, 1957, there was a Communist Party meeting at the Howard Thompson home. Those persons present were:

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1-100-31414 (CP YUBA CO.) cc to MARYSVILLE  
RA for info

1-100-36363 (CP SUTTER CO.)

1-100-17989 (CP SACRAMENTO CO.) cc to

Sacramento RA for info

1-100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.)

1-100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.) cc to

Modesto RA for info

1-New York &amp; Chicago [redacted]

3-Los Angeles [redacted]

1-100-28272 [redacted]

1-100-16828 (FRESNO CO. CP)

1-100-16827 (TULARE CO. CP)

1-100-36603 [redacted]

1-100-30046 [redacted]

1-100-27988 [redacted]

1-65-1242 [redacted]

1-100-27348 [redacted]

1-100-31391 [redacted]

1-100-32000 [redacted]

1-100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

1-100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

1-100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

1-100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

1-61-409 [redacted]

1-100-2884 [redacted]

1-100-27286 [redacted]

1-100-15155 [redacted]

1-100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)

1-97-27 (DPW)

100- [redacted]

cc Sacramento for Ident.

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1-100-21287 (CP BUTTE CO.) CC to CHICO RA for info

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Frank George	Fresno	
Phil Davis	Empire	
Delmer Berg	Ceres	
Mickie Lima, Northern District Chairman		Oakland
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson	Stockton	
Barney DeVeto	Marysville	
Lillian Ransome	Wheatland	
Marie Gorin	Sacramento	

"The meeting was called for the purpose of planning an organizing convention for the Clubs in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

"The meeting was opened by Lulu Mae Thompson at about 12:15 and she was elected chairman. Marie Gorin was elected as the Secretary.

"Lulu Mae Thompson then reported on the election held in the District for two members of the District Committee, announcing that she and Lillian Ransome had been elected. (copy of the voting results enclosed.

"Mickie Lima then gave a report on the first meeting of the District Committee. He also stated that the National Party Chairman on Labor, Fred Fine, will be in Northern California from June 20th to 26th to get information on labor problems in this area. He said they wanted to hold a conference while he was here to make it possible for representatives from all the Clubs to participate. Later in the meeting it was established that this meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, with the location and time to be set later. This information will be received by the District Committee members at their meeting in San Francisco on June 14th.

"Lima also circulated a peace petition which is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and he asked that all the Clubs send for these and make use of them. He also gave out copies of a "Memorandum on Peace Activity" (copy enclosed).

"At about 1:30 PM, Delmer Berg and Phil Davis said they had to leave and it was agreed that those remaining would constitute the arrangements committee for the planning of the organizing convention for the area. The date set for the meeting was June 30, 1957 at 11:00 AM at the Thompson home.

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"The meeting recessed for lunch and when the group was again called to order it was decided that the officers elected at the opening of the session would continue to function until the next meeting.

"Basis of representation for future meetings was set at two members, or delegates, per Club, because they did not wish to reveal the number of members in each Club for per capita representation. A \$2.00 registration fee for each Club will be charged at the next meeting.

"It was decided that Lillian Ransome, since she may have difficulty getting to some of the District Meetings, should ask the District Committee to allow her an alternate.

The suggested form of the organization will not be included in this report, because it will probably be changed at the next meeting when it will be discussed and voted upon. The meeting was closed at about 3:30 PM.

"During the informal discussion at lunch and after the meeting closed, the following information was picked up:

"Rudie Lambert and Louise Todd have sent a letter to Sacramento telling them they must accept a Negro known as Jim or Cecil into their Club. The letter was given to him to deliver and he had opened it before turning it over to them. They refuse to accept him for membership because he is always bragging, and also because of a letter they received from the South which said he was not considered a good member.

"Lillian Ransome mentioned that "they" (those who were former State Officers of the Party) were trying to get Virgil Cole to take the man who had gotten him expelled from the Union back into the Party. Later in the conversation she mentioned the Holapeters and the trouble between them and Virgil and it was assumed that it was Holapeter who wants back into the Party. Cole is trying very hard to get back into the Union.

"Sacramento, according to Marie Gorin, has 10 members (the number who voted in the District Committee elections) who attend meetings and another 3 people who must remain isolated because of their jobs and the activity of the FBI.

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"Lillian Ransome remarked that she is the "contact" for three other Clubs besides her own. According to votes turned in by her for these four Clubs, there are 11 members altogether.

"Lima mentioned that there will be a meeting of the State Coordinating Press Committee on June 30th.

"Phil Davis passed out papers announcing a picnic for the People's World on June 16th in Stanislaus County (copy enclosed).

"Lulu Mae Thompson turned over dues for May and June for San Joaquin County to Mickie Lima and Frank George gave him \$10.00 for the People's World.

"Howard Thompson invited Barney DeVeto to come to his home on Friday night, June 21st and to stay over and attend the meeting on Labor on June 23rd."

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The "Memorandum on Peace Activity" which was furnished to those present at the above meeting by MICKIE LIMA is being maintained as an exhibit with the original of this report.

"Copy of the election result regarding Valley members of the CP Northern District Committee is being maintained as an exhibit with the report and the results are set out as follows:

	<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>Stanislaus</u>	<u>San Joaquin</u>	<u>Wheatland</u>	<u>Lindsey</u>	<u>Fresno</u>	
Howard O. Thompson			111	11			5
Lulu Mae Thompson	1111 1111	1	111	1111 1111	1111		27
Howard Keylor		1	111				4
Delmer Berg		1111 1	111		1111 11		18
Jim Ballard		1111			1111 1111		15
Barney DeVeto				111			3
Lillian Ransome	1111 1111	1	11	1111 111			21

Copy of announcement for Stanislaus County DPW picnic which was furnished to those present at meeting by PHIL DAVIS is being maintained as an exhibit with this report.



SAS, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

7/2/57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP, USA, DISTRICT 13

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SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/1/57 that a CP Valley meeting was held on 6/30/57 at Stockton, California. SF 1604-S advised that at this meeting, LULA MAE TUCKERSON was elected Chairman of the Valley CP district and WILLIAM RAMON was elected Secretary. Informant further advised that the CP Valley district includes all of the CP clubs from Fresno to Chico.

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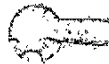
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Description: Rpt on CP Labor Conf.  
Meeting on 6/23/57  
Fred Fine present.

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Statement by the Fourteen Defendants in the California Smith Act Case  
Reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court, June 17, 1957.

This decision is the beginning of the end of the Smith Act. A great victory for the Bill of Rights has been won. By this victory for the rights of Communists, freedom of political opinion for all Americans has thereby been made the safer from the inroads of the inquisitors and the witch-hunters.

It was the growing revulsion of the American people to these witch-hunts which has turned the tide. The Supreme Court has heeded this sentiment, and acted in the best traditions of American democracy. It has struck a blow at the use of paid informers, at the practice of branding the exercise of political opinions as crimes, at the whole McCarthyite technique of fear and smear. In this way, it has strengthened the cause of American democracy, and made up in some measure the great harm to that cause by the original Supreme Court decision of 1951 in upholding the Smith Act, which unleashed the whole wave of assaults on civil liberties which has darkened the past few years of our country's history.

The Justice Department should now be compelled to heed the growing revulsion to their witch-hunts, and call a halt to them. They should dismiss the charges against the 9 defendants who were granted a new trial, who are no more guilty of any crime than the 5 who won complete acquittal. They should end all Smith Act trials and appeals now pending, all of which were based on the same flimsy charges and the practice of turning political opinions into alleged criminal acts, charges supported by the perjured testimony of paid informers. They should free the remaining Smith Act prisoners still being unjustly held.

The decision of the Supreme Court, while it did not deal directly with the issue, also struck a blow at the Big Lie that the Communist Party advocated the violent overthrow of the U.S. Government. Let us hope that the virtual out-lawing of the Communist Party will be rescinded, and that its legal and constitutional rights as a political party be speedily restored, in the spirit of this decision.

22/6/57  
G.H.

JUNE, 1957

## MEMORANDUM ON PEACE ACTIVITY

The growing world outcry against H-Bomb tests and resulting danger to human life and health has become the major mass peace issue today. It has taken on unprecedented proportions in the United States itself, involving influential forces in the highest circles of American life.

While the big public issue is primarily concerned with the nuclear tests as the most immediate expression of the danger to human life, it also has an effect on the whole question of banning atomic weapons altogether, and on disarmament, as steps in the direction of banning atomic war and peaceful co-existence. As a result of this tremendous sentiment and pressure, there is a realistic possibility of achieving big-power agreement to halt nuclear tests at least, if this mass pressure continues to mount.

## WE THEREFORE PROPOSE:

1. To consider this the main issue to give our major attention; particularly to give the utmost support to the many different forms in which this demand of the majority of the American people is expressing itself: petitions, public statements, newspaper ads, resolutions, letters to newspapers, conferences, appeals or delegations to the President, Congressmen and Senators.
2. The great variety of such actions taken by public figures and organizations should be duplicated on a local scale in churches, PTA's, civic, labor, farm, Negro, and other groups and organizations. City Councils, County Boards of Supervisors, and State Legislatures, or their corresponding political heads, should be asked to memorialize the President against further H-Bomb tests, as the Washington State House of Representatives did.
3. In addition to supporting the petition or other campaigns of organizations like the Quakers, Unitarians, Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, national PTA, etc., local initiative should be developed to get out independent petitions or public statements, under the broadest possible auspices on a community or neighborhood basis; or by professional categories; or by unions; or by Negro community leaders; or just by neighbors or shop-mates. Speakers representing organizations already active in the campaign could be invited to other organizations or groups, especially Labor and Negro groups, to encourage them to act as well.
4. The paper to plan a special edition or supplement on this single issue, with planned efforts to get a large sale or distribution, and thus to clarify our viewpoint on the importance of the issue and its relation to the whole struggle for peace to greater numbers of people.
5. Efforts should be made to get out popular leaflets and pamphlets. In addition, we should push the national pamphlet coming out, which includes statements by Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Pope, Mrs. FDR, and others, and give it a wide circulation.

Clubs should have at least one person assigned, or a peace activity committee in the larger clubs. This campaign should be launched immediately and continued until August, the world-wide anniversary observance of Hiroshima. We are several weeks late, but it is still not too late to affect the present situation further, provided it is started without further delay.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COMMITTEE

P.S. There was some discussion relative to the role of the Party in the mass movements of the day. Some differences of opinion were expressed. Those differences arose around the role of the left centers; what should be our starting point; what should be our special contribution to these movements. It was agreed that the discussion had been incomplete and would be followed up in future District Committee meetings, bulletins and magazines and by discussions in the Party clubs.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)      DATE: 7/10/57

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/3/57 by SF 1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/2/57, concerns a Communist Party Labor Conference meeting held on 6/23/57. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"July 2, 1957

"On Friday evening, June 21, 1957, BARNEY DE VETO came to the HOWARD THOMPSON home. THOMPSON had invited him to spend the week-end prior to their trip to Oakland to the Labor Conference with FRED FINE, National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party.

"On Sunday, June 23, 1957, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived at the THOMPSON home at about 10:10 a.m. KEYLOR, DE VETO and THOMPSON then left in the KEYLOR car for Oakland. They arrived there at approximately 11:50 and they went directly to the Greyhound Bus Depot at San Pablo and 22nd Street.

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Knowing they were early, DE VETO and THOMPSON took a walk while HOWARD KEYLOR stayed in the restaurant.

"At about 12:15, DE VETO and THOMPSON returned to the bus depot where they met MICKIE LIMA and saw FRED FINE sitting in MICKIE's car. MICKIE informed them they were to go to a house at 486 24th Street.

"UPON arriving there, they were met by a woman who introduced herself as BETTY LOU. She invited them in to her apartment (upstairs) and gave them the use of the front room. While they were waiting for MICKIE and FINE to arrive, a man came in whom she introduced as LOUIE (her husband, age about 50, has only one hand).

"At about 1:30 p.m., MICKIE and FRED arrived at the house and after introducing FINE to the other persons present (DE VETO, KEYLOR and THOMPSON) he gave a short talk on the results of the last District Meeting and gave out a number of mimeographed sheets (Copies enclosed).

"There was then a round table discussion of labor conditions in the area represented by those present, after which FINE asked questions and told of his experiences in meeting workers across the Nation. He said the Party's policy was to work within the union and encourage workers to try to obtain better conditions, more pay, shorter hours, etc., as long as these were the things the workers were already asking for. For example, he stated that in Detroit some of the auto workers had stated that they wanted a six hour day. The Party had encouraged this by saying it would give the worker more overtime. Some of those present disagreed with him on this point, saying they did not believe it was the correct Marxist approach. FINE countered by saying it was the one thing that help— to give the workers more money, and that the Party member is to work within the Union to establish himself in the confidence and trust of the union.

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"The meeting broke up at approximately 4:30 p.m. KEYLOR, DE VETO and THOMPSON returned to the THOMPSON home, HOWARD KEYLOR leaving immediately for his home and DE VETO departed shortly thereafter for Marysville."

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SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/3/57 that MICKIE LIMA is the Chairman of the Northern California District CP and that the others present represented the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley CP District.

The "MEMORANDUM ON PEACE ACTIVITY" and the "Statement by the Fourteen Defendants in the California Smith Act Case", which were furnished by MICKIE LIMA to those present at the above meeting, are being maintained as exhibits with the original of this report.

RECOMMENDATION: File. Route copies for BETTY LOU and LOUIE to SA SAVAGE for further identification.

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*in 7/2/57*

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7-10-57

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7-3-57 by SF-1604-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7-2-57, concerns a meeting of the CP leaders from the various CP CLUBS in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley held at Lathrop, California, on 6-30-57 to organize this section of the CP. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
July 2, 1957

"A Communist Party meeting for the purpose of organizing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Clubs, which are spread out over a wide area, was held at the Howard Thompson home on Sunday, June 30, 1957. The following persons attended the meeting:

Lillian Ransome  
Marie Gorin  
Barney DeVeto  
Mickie Lima  
Delmer Berg  
Howard Thompson  
Lulu Mae Thompson  
Delmer Berg  
Frank George

"The meeting was called to order at about 11:30 AM by the Chairman, Lulu Mae Thompson and she asked the Northern District Chairman, Mickie Lima to make a report on the last District meeting which was held on June 14, 1957.

"After Mickie made his report and he had answered the questions of those present, the proposed organization of the Clubs of the Valley was discussed and the proposals made by the arrangements committee were discussed one at a time. The organization will be known as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section and a copy of the rules which the organization will operate under is enclosed.

"An estimated budget of \$232.00 for the Section for the year was presented and it was decided that each Club would have to approach there members for sustainers, since the 15% of the dues retained by a section would be insufficient to meet the budget. Anything collected over Section expenses will be forwarded to the District.

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"Lulu Mae Thompson and Lillian Ransome were put on the Executive Board automatically because they are the District Committee members from the section and the following persons were elected to serve with them;

Frank George  
Delmer Berg  
Marie Gorin

"The following officers were elected from the members of the Executive Board:

Chairman	Lulu Mae Thompson
Vice Chairman	Delmer Berg
Secty-Treas.	Marie Gorin

"While the Club was deciding how the Clubs should be represented in voting, Lillian Ransome revealed that the 'Clubs which she represented are just one person located one to a town.

"The meeting was adjourned at about 4:00 PM. Lulu Mae Thompson had served lunch at about 1:00 PM.

"Marie Gorin said that she dreaded having Mickie Lima in Sacramento during the first week in July to straighten out their trouble with Cecil.

"Frank George talked with Lulu Mae Thompson and she told him she would try to see them in Sanger on July 20th if he could hold a meeting that night and he said he would try to get the people from Lindsay to come over at the same time.

"Lillian and Lulu Mae were informed by Mickie Lima that he was trying to get a location in Oakland for the District meet- meeting which will be held on July 14th and he said he would let them know as soon as possible.

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ACTION - File.

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